Insurance report details strange final hours and points strongly to suicide

Maxwell ordered farewell flypast

BY LIN JENKINS

ROBERT Maxwell probably committed suicide, according to a report carried out for the companies that insured his life for £20 million.

The loss adjustors conclude in alengthy report that the evidence suggesting that the publisher took his own life is "more compelling than any other cause", as his fraudulent efforts to keep his alling empire afloat were about to be disclosed expensive him to to be disclosed, exposing him to ridicule

The report takes into account the results of a second post-mortem examination on Maxwell's body conducted in Israel by Dr Iain West, head of forensic medicine at Guy's Hospital, London, shortly before the publisher was buried on the Mount of Olives. The docu-ment, a copy of which is published in today's edition of The Sun, goes some way towards ending the mys-tery surrounding Maxwell's death in the waters around the Canary Islands on November 5 last year. It charts Maxwell's indecision in the days before his death and gives details of his request that his private jet should circle his yacht, the Lady Chislaine, as if in a final proud display of the trappings of his corrupt life.

We wonder whether Robert Maxwell's decision to spend those last days on the Lady Ghislaine, his request that his jet rendezvous with the yacht at sea, and his unusually pleasant manner the majority of the time, brought about his realisation that the end of his business career and his flamboyant lifestyle was rapidly drawing close," says the report by Rich Wheeler and Co.

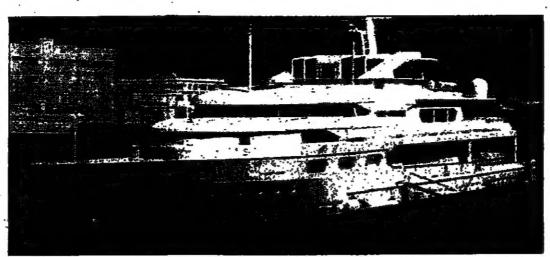
the chartered loss adjusters. The investigators are particularly



Maxwell: evidence that he killed himself "compelling"

puzzled by Maxwell's decision to board the yacht, which delayed its scheduled transatiantic crossing to Bermuda, and his insistence on travelling alone, rather than with his personal steward and members of his office staff, which was his usual practice. They also noted that he displayed unusual goodwill towards the crew and repeatedly changed his mind about when he was going to return to London.

The main key to the loss adjustors' conclusion is that he locked his stateroom before going out on the deck, as if he merely intended to



Final journey: the yacht Lady Ghislaine, on which the troubled tycoon sailed to his death

never been found. "If Robert Maxwell died as a result of natural causes, homicide or as the result of an accident, why did he lock the stateroom door? Taken in conjunction with the pathological evidence, which does not exclude suicide, we believe that there are reasonable grounds to argue that Robert Maxwell intended to end his own life,"

the report says.

The investigators give details of changes in Maxwell's usual pattern of behaviour and in his rude and aggressive manner in the days before he disappeared. The report says he was, somewhat suprisingly. complimentary and almost amicable towards the crew, even praising the food they provided although it did not include the fuxuries he insisted on when he gave proper notice of a visit.

The loss adjustors also thought it strange that, on the morning of

November 3, Maxwell first instructed his private jet to fly to London to pick up Ian and Kevin, two of his sons, and then changed his mind. "As far as we know, Kevin and Ian Maxwell were unaware of their father's intentions that morning," the investigators

"In the event, he countermanded his original order, possibly to give himself more time to think. Conceivably, he reached the conclusion that the collapse of the empire was inevitable," the report says.

The conclusions are based on interviews with the crew of the Lady Ghislaine, what is now known about the collapse of his business empire and Dr West's post-mortem examination. He found injuries to the left hand and tearing of the left shoulder which were consistent with someone clinging to some-thing, possibly the yacht's guard rail. Dr West believes this could not have happened if the publisher had suffered a heart attack, nor are there other injuries consistent with

Dr West concludes in a separate report: "We are in the position, which is not uncommonly seen following second post-mortem examinations, of not having a clearly defined cause of death. Whilst the deceased did suffer from cardiac disease, and we cannot exclude it as being a factor in his death, we are of the opinion that the most likely cause of death is drowning." The Spanish autopsy team were also unable to reach a definite conclusion on how Maxwell died.

a fall on deck.

Dr West says he is unable to rule out the possibility of murder, par-ticularly since it would be easy to push somebody as obese and unfit as Maxwell overboard, without leaving physical evidence. However er, the loss adjustors' report states

forms the basis on which the insurance companies will decide whether or not to honour, in full or in part, the £20 million policy which in the world. The introduction states that it is "prepared with the possibility of eventual litigation".

The report discloses for the first time graphic details of Maxwell's last days, from the telephone call he made from his London office disclosing his intention to fly to Gibrahar to take a short break, allegedly to recover from a persis-tent cold.

During his stay on the Lady Chislaine he dealt with a mass of paperwork, spent hours on the ephone and enjoyed a brief visit to Madeira, where he instructed one of the crew to return to his yacht to get \$3,000 so he could go to the local casino. The crew said he was in suprisingly good spirits and told investigators that he showed no signs of being depressed or any more troubled than usual. Yet, as the report shows, he displayed some unusual traits of character and lacked his customary confi-

dence in making decisions. Following Maxwell's death, details of the corruption and debt inside his business empire began to emerge, prompting Serious Fraud Office investigations into suspected share support schemes and manipulation of his companies' pen-sion fund assests. The fact that Maxwell knew his empire was on the verge of collapse, and the realisation that others were about to pivotal facts in the conclusion of the

Background and analysis, page 3

Klerk said: "The National

party can look people in the eye and say there is no doubt

where it wants to take them

mighty breakthrough to-

wards a reasonable solution."

Right-wing propaganda had undermined the govern-

ment's position at the multi-

party talks. "Because it is in

the interests of the country

that negotiations continue Continued on page 18, col 1

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Recession is worst since the Thirties

BY ANATOLE KALETSKY, ECONOMICS EDITOR

BRITAIN is suffering the longest recession since the 1930s and there is still no sign of an end. This was the grim message conveyed by the figures for last year's Gross Domestic Product published by the Central Statistical Office yesterday.

The figures showed that GDP, the most comprehensive measure of national economic performance, fell by a record 2.5 per cent in 1991,

Earlier, ministers gave a general blessing to the idea of tax cuts when Norman La-mont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, outlined the expected future course of the economy to the cabinet yesterday.
But there was further bad

news for the government last night when it learned that the latest opinion poll showed that Labour has established a clear lead over the Conservatives. The first poll reflecting the public's considered verdict on last week's "black Thursday" catalogue of bleak economic news puts Labour four points ahead of the

Labour has only once been so far ahead of the Conservatives in the last six weeks and the size of the margin will trouble Tory MPs with the election now looking a virtual certainty for April 9.

The four-point gap suggested by the NOP survey for The

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ly and be great friends."

Independent/BBC Newsnight compares with a 3 per cent Labour lead in the same poll a month ago.
The full figures with last month's in brackets are: Lab-

our 42 per cent (down 1), Conservative 38. (down 2), Liberal Democrats 15 (up 2). If the pattern were reproduced in the general election Labour would be close to an overall majority and the To-ries would lose about 80 seats. Yesterday's economic sta-tistics showed that in the

fourth quarter alone, GDP excluding North Sea oil and gas output contracted by 0.4 per cent. This was the sixth consecutive quarterly decline, making the recession the longest in post-war history.
The 2.5 per cent annual decline in GDP was also the

biggest since the second world war, but measured on a more accurate quarterly basis, the present recession re-mained much shallower than the slump of 1980-81. In that recession, the economy contracted by 5.5 per cent from its quarterly peak to its trough. So far the peak to trough fall has been only 3.7

The continuing decline in the economy last year con-trasted starkly with the Treasury's predictions of an economic recovery beginning in the second half of the year. As recently as the Chancellor's autumn statement last November, the Treasury said that output had "stabilised"

during the summer. Parliament, page 7



Neil Kinnock at the launch yesterday of Labour's plans for the health service

Labour vows to scrap NHS reforms

HOSPITAL trusts, GP fund- ment's NHS reforms, hospiholding and the competitive market within the health service will be scrapped by a Labour government, Neil Kinnock said yesterday (Nicholas Wood writes).

tals would no longer buy or sell services, he said in launching his party's prescription for the service. Instead, they would draw on "incentive funding" of £400 In place of the govern- million to meet performance

agreements for greater efficiency and higher standards.

The Labour leader said his party's programme would save the NHS from fragmentation and privatisation.

De Klerk calls a referendum

FROM GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

PRESIDENT de Klerk of South Africa yesterday an-nounced a referendum on his reforms before the end of March, saying he would re-sign if whites voted against him. He would then call a whites only election. His decision came after the National party was soundly beaten in a by-election regarded as a key indicator of white attitudes to

power sharing.
Visibly angered by claims
by the far-right Conservative party that he no longer represented most whites, Mr de Klerk told parliament: "This is something that must be settled. We need people who can speak with confidence in the negotiating process, in the knowledge they have the voters of this particular house (the white House of Assem-bly) behind them." The exact date and question to be asked in the referendum would be announced next week. "If I lose, I will resign and you can have an election."

The African National Congress condemned the notion of a whites-only referendum as racist and said the poll would delay reform. In a joint statement with its communist and trade union allies, it said the referendum announcement "reflects the crisis of the apartheid establishment and underlines the need to move as speedily as possible to a democratic society Andries Treumicht, the

leader of the Conservative party, who had demanded a white election after his party's resounding by-election victory, accepted the president's referendum challenge.

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The high priests of love fall out of bed

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

BARELY recovering from Dr Spock's change of heart in the matter of spanking children, America's postwar genera-tion faced fresh disillusion yesterday. William Masters and Virginia Johnson, the apostles of the sexual revolution and the gurus of good love, said they were applying for divorce.

The pair, who married in 1971, decided to separate because their goals were different, according to their institute in St Louis. "I'm sure people will say if these two people can't get along, who can?" said William Young, the institute director. "But people are people, and they will continue to work professional-

The news was nonetheless disturbing for a generation imbued with Masters and Johnson's doctrines of sexual compatibility: that Age of Aquarius view

that all that mattered was "getting it together". As a let-down, it compared to Dr Benjamin Spock's abandonment of his creed of parental tolerance. Dr Masters, who is 76 and trained as

a gynaecologist, recruited Ms Johnson, who is 67, as a collaborator for his pioneering research into the precepts of normal sexual behaviour in 1959. They picked up from the sexual portrait of pre-pill America by Alfred Kinsey in the early 1950s and focused on the act itself, debunking such Freudian myths

as the vaginal orgasm. In 1966, their best-seller Human Sexual Response, based on laboratory observation of people having intercourse or masturbating taught America every-thing it needed to know about sex. launched an industry of gourmet love guides and sent a generation in pursuit of the ultimate sexual high. By the 1970s, the enthusiasm for the mechanics was waning enough for Woody Allen

to satirise it in The Sleeper, his vision of a future in which people could leap into "orgasmatrons", devices resembling washing machines, for a quick thrill. The "first family of sexology", who used surrogates and other controversial

methods in their therapy, has long been denounced by traditionalists as the authors of the notion of sex as irresponsible recreation, an approach which has fallen from favour in the age of Aids. Dr Masters and Ms Johnson always insisted that satisfaction was not just about the pelvis. In 1986 they expanded the view in Love and Sex After the Revolution, reminding readers to "re-member that good sex begins while your clothes are still on". And Dr Masters himself pointed out: "If you can't communicate in bed, you proabably can't

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Smith under pressure to clarify plans for higher tax payers



Smith: only a small minority would be hit

AND DAVID LIPSEY

PRESSURE on John Smith to provide an early definitive account of Labour's plans to tax the betteroff intensified yesterday, as Labour officials admitted the need to 'clarify" a statement in the party's official policy document, which appears to commit a future Labour government to increase income tax for higher rate taxpayers by up to £750 a year. Mr Smith's colleagues insist that the party does not intend any such increase.

The controversial statement is contained in Opportunity Britain, published by the party last April. The little-noticed passage says that: "In line with the new arrangements for mortgage interest tax relief, we believe that the value of tax allowances should be the same for all taxpayers, instead the highest incomes."

This statement appears to mean that personal tax allowances could only be set against the basic rate of tax, and not against higher rate tax. If so, it would cost a single taxpayer on £27,000 a year or more nearly £500 a year, and a married taxpayer on £29,000 or more an extra £750 a year. It would also mean that more income tax would be paid by those earning as little as £23,700 a year.

This restriction of the use of personal allowances is listed as Labour policy in a summary of the party's proposals published by the Institute for Fiscal Studies. The institute has been planning a study of its impact following the Budget. It also appeared to be confirmed by Neil Kinnock in a recent interview in the Financial Times, when he said that the party would "eventually" limit tax allowances to the basic rate of income tax.

However, the party now insists that the limit is not intended to apply to the personal allowance. It argues that Opportunity Britain does not say that "all" allowances will be phased out. The restriction of allowances to the standard rate is intended to apply only to special allowances, for example those on pension contributions. A need to clarify the policy is, however,

The party's detailed economic policy document, Meet the Challenge, Make the Change. published in 1989, says: "The system of personal and other allowances gives a greater tax saving to people paying top rates of tax than it does to other taxpayers ... We believe that the value of tax allowances and reliefs should be the same for all taxpayers." That documents

proposes substituting a zero tax rate band for tax allowances. Labour says that "for most taxpayers this would not change the result" (Times italics). It would have the effect of increasing bills for those liable for higher rate tax, unless higher rate tax thresholds were also raised.

The ambiguity adds to the task faced by Mr Smith, the shadow chancellor, as he seeks to persuade voters that only a small minority will be hurt by Labour's tax plans. Mr Smith has this week decided to publish a more detailed statement of the party plans at Budget time. He has been warned by colleagues that his tax plans could threaten party prospects in its target marginal seats, particularly in London. Mr Smith has signalled his intention to say for the first time how much taxpayers will have

to earn before they become liable

for the party's higher 50 per cent rate of income tax.

The draft of Opportunity Britain, circulated in advance to the media, included a different wording. It said: "In line with the new arrangments for mortgage interest tax relief, relief on pensions contributions and so on will be given to everybody at the same rate of tax

This was changed in the published version. The media version is the one on which government advisers have been working. This may explain why ministers have not yet attempted to exploit

the pledge.

The ambiguity on tax allowances follows controversy over two other Labour proposals which will hit the better-off. The first would end the present ceiling for earn-ings on which National Insurance contributions are payable. Every-one earning more than £20,280 at

present rates would pay more. The second would introduce a 50 per cent higher rate of income tax on those earning "well above" £30,000 a year.

The IFS has calculated that 12 per cent of families would lose from the effects of abolishing the National Insurance ceiling for employees and self-employed people. If the self-employed are excluded, the percentage of losers falls to 9 percent. Because the party has not specified at precisely what level its new higher rate tax will start, the institute has not calculated the effect of that.

Nick Brown, Labour's tax spokesman, said last night: "It is absolutely and categorically not our intention to effectively reduce the point at which the 40 per cent tax band cuts in."

Leading article, page 15

Parents of

rape victim

to appeal The parents of the 14-year-

old Irish rape victim are to appeal to the country's Su-

preme Court against the rul-ing banning her from having

an abortion in Britain (Rich-

ard Ford writes).
It is expected that the ap-

peal against the High Court judgment will be heard next

week as there is thought to be

only two weeks left during

which an abortion can be

Although the constitutional ban on abortion leaves the Supreme Court with little

room for manoeuvre, the gov-

ernment will hope that it can

overturn the ruling, prevent-ing the prospect of a second divisive referendum on

The decision to appeal to

the republic's highest court

came after the government

promised to pay the legal costs of any action taken by the girl's family.

• The rock star Sinead O'Connor was threatened with arrest by police last night

as she tried to force her way into the Irish Parliament

building to protest in person

to Mr Reynolds over the case of the schoolgirl. She was

eventually allowed in and had

Poll phone-in

Voters will be able to question

senior politicians every morn-

ing during the general elec-

tion campaign in a live phone-in programme to be transmitted simultaneously

on BBC 1 and Radio 4

Election Call is one of a series

of programmes announced yesterday by BBC Radio that will allow listeners to judge

carried out safely.

Kinnock pledges cash injection 'to save the NHS'

Labour plays its health card

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NEIL Kinnock, the Labour leader, promised yesterday to save the health service from being fragmented and privatised, by repealing the more controversial reforms and increasing spending.

Mr Kinnock announced new targets for waiting lists, cancelled operations and ambulance response time as part of a package of measures designed to promote excel-lence. William Waldegrave. the health secretary, immediately accused Labour of turning the clock back and throwing away the gains of

Playing the Labour party's

LABOUR'S plans for the

health service are based on

collaboration rather than

competition. That way the

party hopes to achieve greater

effectiveness, efficiency and

In its new policy document,

Labour has striven to dis-

tance itself from the govern-

ment's health service reforms

so as to present voters with a

clear choice between a service

in which competition pro-

and one in which that

incentive comes from the

promise of extra funds. In

doing so, the party has moved

from the stance set out in its

December 1990 policy docu-

ment, which tacitly accepted

the government's split be-

tween health authorities and

hospitals as buyers and pro-

That split is seen as essen-

tial to give managers more

power over consultants to

plan the provision of care, It

emerged in the earlier docu-

ment as a division of health

authorities into "strategic boards" that would set priori-

ties and allocate resources,

and "operational boards" that would run the hospitals.

In the new document.

billed as Labour's "white

paper" for the health service,

it is proposed that health au-

thorities would again assess

needs and deliver services.

But managers will be able to

withhold a portion of the

health care budget to be used

as an incentive fund to re-

viders of health care.

income tax, a Labour government would use part of the funds from reversing the cut to boost health service spending in the first year. "We, like the British people, believe when financial shortages are prolonging pain and anxiety and causing real suffering, tax cuts simply cannot be justified on any ground of economics, logic or morality,"

Although Labour would fully fund all nationally agreed pay awards and re-store underfunding in the NHS over "at least the lifetime of a parliament", Mr Kinnock refused to put a figure on the amount. He confirmed that NHS

Competition thrown out in

favour of collaboration

Jeremy Laurance

looks at Labour's

recipe for

increasing

efficiency and

effectiveness in the

health service

ward health authorities and

hospitals which meet their

targets. Payments from the

incentive fund, expected to be 2 per cent of a hospital's

budget or £400 million, will

be made to health authorities

that meet performance agree-

ments set by the NHS Man-

agement Executive, such as

cutting waiting lists, improv-

ing health promotion pro-

grammes or expanding

community care. Payments

will be passed to hospitals

and other units that meet

targets set under local service

agreements.
The size of the incentive

funds, at about £5 million for

each of the proposed 80 com-

munity health authorities, is

small, but Labour argues that their effect could be large. Health authorities have com-

peted fiercely for a slice of the

funds allocated by the govern-ment to cut waiting lists and

hospitals have been eager to

attract relatively small

amounts of business from GP

Critics are concerned, how-

ever, that a failure to main-

tain the maximum amount of

separation between the plan-

fund-holders.

scrapped. Hospitals would no longer buy or sell services, but would be given "incentive funding" for meeting perfor-mance agreements. A £400 million fund will reward hospitals for higher workloads and for moving more services into the community. A central task force will have a budget of about £40 million to help hospitals in financial difficulties.

trust status would be abol--

ished and the hospitals brought back under health

authority control. The com-

petitive market would be dis-

banded and GP fundholding

GPs will get bonus pay-ments for sitting on panels to plan hospital and community

ning activities of health au-

thorities and the manage-

ment of hospitals may lead back to the inefficiencies of

the pre-reform health service.

in which resources were

skewed in favour of the hospi-

tals at the expense of primary

and community care.
The Kings Fund Institute,

an independent health policy

think-tank, questioned whether the incentives for

promoting efficiency were

the competitive discipline of

the internal market. "There

are real dangers that an ex-

cess of bureaucracy could

stultify innovation or that ill-

considered incentives for per-

formance could be inequit-

The policy document pledges Labour to end GP fund-holding, but in a tacit acknowledgement of fund-

holding's early success in shifting power from hospital

consultants to GPs, it will

require health authorities to

set up panels of GPs to help to

negotiate local service agree-

ments with hospitals. To as-

sist in the expansion of

A HIGH table dispute over

the reading of key documents from the English Civil War

has deeply divided dons at

Cambridge University. The

increasingly bitter debate has leaked into the public

domain with interventions in

The Times Literary Supplement and historical journals

from distinguished histori-

ans, including Lord Dacre of Glanton and Lord Russell.

At the centre of the dispute

is John Adamson, a fellow of

Peterhouse, Cambridge, who

has clashed with Mark Kish-

lansky, professor of history

at Harvard University, over

the role of the English nobil-

Mr Kishlansky, in an arti-cle in the Historical Journal,

accused Dr Adamson of ma-

nipulating evidence about

the 17th-century nobility and

using footnotes to disguise

Dr Adamson's supporters.

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published in 1988.

services. All GPs will be able to refer patients to the hospi-tal of their choice and, under a revision of GP contracts, they will not be forced to carry out yearly health checks or visits to the over-75s in their

A Labour government would bring back free eye tests and dental checks, end tax relief for private health insurance, and ban tobacco advertising, according to the party's document Your Good-Health. A cabinet committee would be set up on health promotion and a Londonwide health authority created to reorganise services.

Health authorities will have to treat a higher proportion of people within three months of being put on a waiting list. The report argues that the present focus on patients waiting for two years had resulted in some long waiters being removed without being treated, and others with more serious conditions having to wait longer for their opera-tions. "The perverse result has been that some patients requiring minor operations in plastic surgery have re-ceived top priority while other conditions have had to wait longer as a result," Robin Cook, Labour health spokes-

The new community health authorities - merging dis-tricts with family health serhalve the rate of cancelled operations to less than 5 per cent of all procedures.

Ambulance services will have to answer emergency telephone calls within 30 seconds. National standards for hospital cleanliness will be set and hospitals would have to publish cross-infection rates. Labour would end compul sory competitive tendering in NHS domestic services.

☐ The government last night suspended plans to cut dentists' fees until after the election, following protests from dentists who threatened to withdraw from the NHS. The cut of 13.8 per cent,

primary care, the authorities which would also have appthat now separately manage hospitals and GPs will be lied to patient charges, was demanded by Mr Walde-grave from April 1 because combined into single commu-The document is vague on dentists have been earning precisely how its proposals would work, but the governmore than expected since the introduction of the new denment's own white paper on its tal contract in October 1990. This year they are expected to health service reforms was exceed their target gross in-come by over £10,000. similarly short on detail when



Historic find: Anna Roberts with a skull from one of 600 skeletons

Iron Age king's grave found

A ROYAL grave of the late Iron Age which might be the last resting place of Old King Cole or his father has been rescued from the site of a housing development at St Albans in Hertfordshire.

The grave, in a wooden burial chamber in a pit ten metres across and four metres deep, was found in the grounds of St Albans city hospital after five months of searching and a week before the site was made over for contractors to start work on a housing association develop-ment. The burnt remains of

600 skeletons have been uncovered. The director of the dig. Ros

Nibett, said yesterday. The quantity and quality of objects found in the very elaborate grave and the fact that a Romano-Celtic temple was then built next to the site which continued to be venerated for two or three hundred years into the Roman period all point to this being the burial place of a high status tribal king.

The candidates include Andocus, an early first century ruler of the Catuvellanni.

and his co-ruler, Tascio-banus, who was the father of Cunobelin, Skakespeare's Cymbeline and the Old King Cole of nursery rhyme fame. It seems more likely to be a contemporary of Cunobelin, who one would expect to find buried at Colchester, but it is possible that Old King Cole himself was brought back to St Albans for burial."

The only similar burial was excavated at Lexden, near Colchester, in the 1920s, but the St Albans find, while equally rich, has the distinction of the adjacent temple.

metal protective sheeting at

the front of the station were

McEnteggart criticised both

the army action and that of

the IRA. "The standards evi-

denced on Sunday night are

unacceptable," he said of the

SAS. "If proper procedures

were carried out, if what was

done was within the law, then

I believe serious questions

still visible.

Monsignor

must be asked."

how politicians are faring during the campaign.

Media, L&T section, page 6 Mother's claim A High Court judge will announce his decision today on a claim for damages by a mother whose son died in a road crash six years ago. Simon Calascione, aged 20, of Battle, East Sussex, died just before Christmas 1985 when his motor cycle and a car collided. Mr Justice French has heard that Judith

England ahead

Calascione, aged 54, has continued to suffer "patho-

logical grief reaction".

England has the lead in the Rapid Chess Team Tournament at Cannes after winning all four of its fourth round games against France. Results (English names first): Nunn beat Kouatli; Adams beat Renet; Chandler beat Santo Roman; and Hodgson beat Miralles. Team scores with two rounds to go: England 11 2 points out of 16: US and The Netherlands 9 points: France 24.

No cab rape Scotland Yard has dropped

investigations into allegations by a woman that she was raped at gunpoint by the driver of a black cab in Wood Green, north London, on February 14, following scientific tests and other enquiries. She will not face charges for wasting police time. Police said they were making public their decision to alleviate anxiety among women who

Hatton switch The trial of Derek Hatton.

former deputy leader of Liverpool city council, and six others on charges of conspiracy to defraud the council will take place at Mold crown court, Cheshire. The Crown Prosecution - Service has transferred the case from Liverpool crown court "in the interests of justice". taking into account that the alleged victims were the city of Liver-

Husband guilty of acid bath murder

A MAN was convicted yesterday of murdering his wife by putting her in a tank of acid. Cecil Jackson, who had admitted manslaughter, will

Mr Justice Hidden, in the Central Criminal Court, London, said that he was considering making a recommendation to the Home Secretary about the minimum length of time Jackson should

Jackson, aged 37, a builder, of Forest Gate, east London, had denied murdering his wife, Dassa, aged 30, and claimed that she had stumbled into the acid tank. The jury of eight men and four women unanimously found him guilty, after deliberating for nearly five hours. Earlier, the court had been

told that Jackson had deliberately planned to throttle his wife and dump her body in a vat of hydrochloric acid inside a locked garage. He had taken out a £51,000 life insurance policy on her a week

The court was told that Mrs Jackson was not dead when he plunged her into the tank acid. Her lips blistered, her eyes became colourless, her clothes melted away and her dark skin peeled and turned white. Two people heard her cries for help and broke open the padlocked garage. They found her on the floor in a pool of liquid with acid tank steaming behind her.

During spells of consciousness, she said that she knew she was dying and told an ambulancewoman that her husband had done it. She died in hospital two hours

Jackson claimed that he was provoked and was suffering from diminished responsibility at the time. He said that he throttled his wife in a fit of jealous rage after he spotted her talking to another man in a van. As she went limp in his hands, he believed he had killed her, panicked and drove her to his garage to hide her. He said that he had not put her in the acid tank.

Lord Dacre and Sir Geoffrey Elton, say that Professor Kishlansky's own use of Jackson defended himself after sacking four sets of solicrecords is suspect. They reject the charge that Dr Adamson's work is full of itors and counsel. He was shaking and slumped in his chair in the dock after the jury

Dons clash in an uncivil war

BY ANDREW PIERCE



Historians Lord Russell, left, and Lord Dacre,

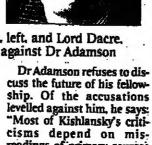
'tendentious errors" and in-'malice".

At stake is Dr Adamson's re-election as a fellow at Peterhouse. A vote at the college last Monday went narrowly against the Australian-born scholar. Photocopies of the TLS correspondence were distributed before the vote.



who reject the charges against Dr Adamson

sist that he is one of the most innovative historians of his generation. Lord Russell in turn accused Professor Kishlansky in the TLS of



readings of primary sources or misunderstandings of parliamentary procedures." If Dr Adamson is ousted, there are murmurings at the high table of an appeal to the college visitor, Stephen Sykes, Bishop of Ely.

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200 mourners quit IRA men's funeral

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

UP TO 200 mourners at the funeral of two IRA men shot dead by the army walked out of church yesterday after a priest called for an end to the TRA's campaign of violence. The protest came during the joint funeral of Kevin O'Donnell, aged 21, and Sean O'Farrell, aged 22, who were among four men killed

outside Coalisland, Co Ty-

rone, on Sunday.
O'Donnell, a prime suspect in the IRA bombing of an army barracks at Tern Hill, Shropshire, three years ago. was cleared at the Old Bailey last year of gun running charges. His funeral, policed by 600 officers in riot gear, brought his home town to a standstill. About 2,500 mourners converged on the church opposite the heavily fortified police station which had been attacked by O'Donnell and seven other members of the IRA on Sunday night before the SAS ambush on the outskirts of the town in which the four

men were killed. The bullet

He added: "Could I add my appeal to many others to the leaders of the paramilitary republican organisations to bring violence and killing to an end. Many of their actions, including the order that sent these young men to their deaths on Sunday night, can only be described as ill-conceived." It was then that the mourners walked out.

Earlier, the entry of the coffins into the church had been delayed because Monsignor McEnteggart refused to admit them while draped in the Irish tricolour. He relented after the families threatholes in the stonework and ened to take the bodies away. | pool and its citizens.

Maxwell: an official report gives the insurance investigators' view of the publisher's last days of life

The search, the lost key and the stateroom

. By LIN JENKINS

ROBERT Maxwell's behaviour in his last few days was out of character and strangely indecisive, according to inves-tigators acting for his insurers, who documented his unscheduled visit to his yacht days before he disappeared in the waters off Tenerife.

When an urgent telephone call came through to the bridge at 11.05am on November 5 last year from John Bender, vice-president of Maxwell Macmillan Inc in American, the publisher could not be found. As Cap-Parent Kordalski, one of the two stewardsses, had locked the to app.

Kordalski, one of the two stewardesses, had locked the main stateroom door from the inside the previous evening and left the key in it. Captain Rankin opened it with the pass key and found the night shirt his employer had been wearing earlier abandoned on the floor. The

> A crewman saw Maxwell looking over the stern rail at about 4.10am. He was never seen alive again 🥏

assumption being that before going out on deck Maxwell himself had locked all en-

trances to the stateroom. Four further searches failed to find Maxwell, and after a swimmer seen a short dis-tance away turned out not to be him, the alarm was raised. The insurance investigators' report says that late on

October 30, six days before his death, Maxwell called his yacht in Gibraltar from his London office and said that he intended to join it the following day, thus delaying the planned start of its transatlantic crossing to Bermuda where the family were gather-ing at Christmas. Captain Rankin returned his call and was told by his employer that although the yacht was not ready to receive visitors that did not matter since unusually, he was not bringing any staff or guests aboard, but merely wished to recover from

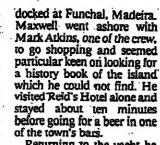
Maxwell left the Mirror seemed irritable that mornbuilding in London by helicopter and flew to Luton to pick up his private jet. He arrived in Gibraltar at 10.40am where he was met by some of the crew and transferred to his yacht the Lady Chislaine. The vessel sailed for Madeira with Maxwell telling the crew that he would fly home from there at the weekend. He spent the time dealing with the half a dozen briefcases full of docu-ments he had brought with him, made a number of telephone calls and appeared in a good mood con-gratulating members of the crew on the upkeep of the yacht, service and standard of food despite the fact that his were not on board".

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On the morning of Saturday November 2 the vessel



Returning to the yacht he expressed an interest in visiting a nearby small uninhabited island where they spent two hours. Later Maxwell dined alone on board in the evening before going ashore for a drink at a local bar with Mr Atkins. While there he noticed a casino, sent Mr Atkins to inquire about admission, and then to the yacht for his passport and \$3,000 from the safe. Mr Maxwell spent 25 minutes alone in the casino before rejoining his crew member in the bar, returning to the yacht and saying before he retired that he intended to leave the following day.

November 3 saw the yacht make ready for her transar-lantic trip, but Maxwell said he had changed his mind about leaving. He asked the captain if there was anywhere en route where he could be dropped off, and when told not, he said he would stay a few more days and they decided to make passage for the Canary Islands.

Maxwell then asked for his

personal jet to fly to London to collect his two sons Kevin and Ian. The instruction was relayed to Captain Whiteman, the pilot, but ten minutes later Maxwell rescinded the order. Early in the afternoon he asked the yacht to make ready to leave port and the plane to fly to Tenerife as he would be returning to London the fol-lowing day. He also asked for the plane to rendezvous with the vessel before flying on. Captain Rankin told inves

tigators that Maxwell had Captain found Maxwell's nightshirt abandoned on

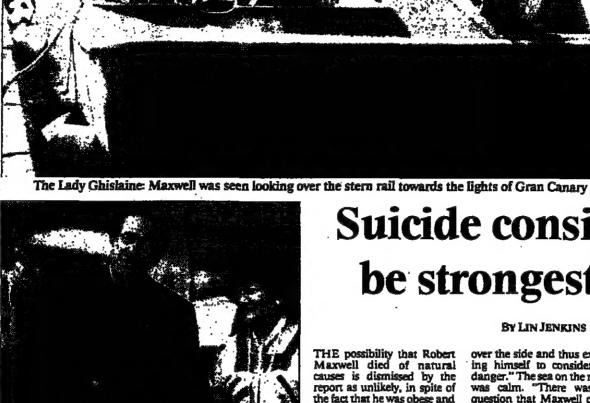
the floor of

stateroom 9

ing although the flypast by his plane seemed to him". "He seemed in very good spirits watching the

aircraft circle the boat." The following day, as the yacht reached Porto Darsona Pasquatra in Tenerife, Maxwell told the captain that he had not decided whether to return to London that day or the next, but wanted to visit an area off shore for a swim after lunch. After swimming and relaxing the yacht re-turned to port and Maxwell said he would dine ashore and go home the next day. He dined alone at a hotel in Santa Cruz, returned to the ship by taxi, collected some telephone messages and instructed the crew that he wanted to spend the night at sea as it would be easier for

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Lady Ghislaine at Cannes in 1987

Maxwell retired to his stateroom as the vessel set sail. A little later be went to the pantry to complain about the exhaust fumes from the engine and the two stewardesses tried to clear the air with a fan. At 22.15 Miss Kordalski went to see if her employer required anything further. As she left through the main stateroom door Maxwell asked her to lock it and leave through the bathroom which leads to the study and through the dining area to

midships.
At 23.00 Maxwell answered a satellite call from his son Ian, having said that he would accept calls only from him or Kevin. Five minutes later there was a call from Rabbi Vogul in Moscow whose insistence he gave in

As watches changed on the bridge in the night one of the crew, Graham Leonard, saw Maxwell looking over the stern rail towards the lights of Grand Canary at around 4.10 am. The pair exchanged greetings and in response to Maxwell's complaint that he switched on the air conditioning fans. At 4.45 Maxwell rang the bridge and asked for

Maxwell was never seen alive again. Duty inspections of the vessel continued during the night and a call from the New York office of Roth-schilds at 10.30 the next morning was told that the publisher had not yet risen and was asleep. It was not until Mr Bender's call that he

was found to be missing. Captain Rankin's initial atternot to raise the alarm failed as his mayday call found no response, but he was able to contact the local port agents to relay a message to Tenerife radio station. Another call was made to Brian Hill, his immediate superior based at Farnborough aerodrome, who told him to contact Maxwell's son Ian. The publisher's disappearance was also reported to the rescue coordination centre at Stavanger by satellite and confirmed

At 12.25 the mayday call was relayed to all ships, at 13.08 the first rescue helicop-ter reached the scene. At 17.50 a body was spotted in the area. At 18.15 the naked corpse of Robert Maxwell was winched on board a helicopter with the help of five men and flown to Gando airfield, Las Palmas on Grand

Suicide considered to be strongest theory

THE possibility that Robert Maxwell died of natural causes is dismissed by the report as unlikely, in spite of the fact that he was obese and showed signs of physical deterioration consistent with a man of his age.

HEART ATTACK Examining the various theories the loss adjustors say that

heart attack "the evidence lacks a number of vital parameters which would make the diagnosis of a sudden cardiac death a probable or even a likely cause". Although the problems that beset Maxwell and his companies, of which he, at least, must have been aware, could have been conducive to a heart attack it would have been more likely that he fallen down on deck. "We are quite certain that he could not have rolled from the deck into the sea," the report

The possibility of murder is considered but although it cannot be excluded from a pathological point of view "there is no other evidence to suggest homicide". The report says that a third party boarding would be highly im-probable and none of the crew is implicated. "There is simply no evidence to suggest that Robert Maxwell was murdered."

ACCIDENT Looking at the theory that the death was an accident the report says: "In the same way we cannot perceive that Rob-ert Maxwell fell into the sea as

a result of a heart attack, we

hold considerable doubt that

he fell into the sea accidental-

ly unless he was leaning well

over the side and thus exposing himself to considerable danger." The sea on the night was calm. "There was no question that Maxwell could have lost his balance in the

motion of the vessel."

Any such fall would also not be consistent with the shoulder and adjacent spinal mus-cle injuries found in the post mortem examination.

This theory gains most sup-port from the investigators. While ruling out the possibility that he jumped overboard, his injuries were consistent

with climbing over the deck rail and hanging on to it with his left hand. "The physical injuries, whilst not conclusive



Ghislaine Maxwell: held in high esteem

with suicide, certainly do not exclude it and are more compelling than any other cause." While no drugs or alcohol were taken, the investigators believe that there were changes in Maxwell's personality and behaviour patterns around the time of his death. It was unusual for him to be

Auditor urges pension

alone on his yacht without his personal steward and a mem-ber of his office staff, he showed no signs of the cold he cited as his reason for the trip and was unusually "complimentary and almost amicable towards the crew".

Maxwell, above.

Kevin Maxwell

The report assumes that he had at first wanted his sons to fly to him to discuss business matters, but countermanded more time to think, "Conceivably he reached the conclusion that the collapse of the empire was inevitable," the

report says. The pride he took in his aircraft and yacht were other interesting pointers. Nobody, not even the family were allowed aboard the Lady Ghislaine without an

"We wonder whether Robert Maxwell's decision to spend those last days on the Lady Ghislaine, his request that his jet rendezvous with the yacht at sea and his unusually pleasant manner the majority of the time brought about Robert Maxwell's realisation that the end of his business career and his flamboyant lifestyle was rapidly drawing to a close."

The report notes how the locking of his stateroom door was unusual, and that the key has never been found. It seems likely that he locked the door, something he would not have done if he "had merely walked out on the aft deck for fresh air".

"If Robert Maxwell died as a result of natural causes, homicide or as the result of an accident, why did he lock the stateroom door?" the report asks before concluding that he intended to take his own

Private report on tycoon points to drowning

By LIN JENKINS

DR Iain West, one of the country's leading pathologists, who conducted a second post-mortem examina tion on Robert Maxwell's body hours before it was interred in Israel, believes he probably died from

drowning.

In a private report prepared for insurers holding a 20 million life policy on the publisher, Dr West concludes that he can find no clearly defined cause of death. However, in carefully examining all the theories against his findings he finds other expla-nations unlikely.

Dr West found difficulties in fully exploring the possibil-ity of a heart attack because of the work already carried out by Spanish pathologists during the first post-mortem and the partial embalming. However, he concludes: "In summary the deceased's cardiac status is such that he had undoubledly suffered from a degree of ischemic myocardial damage but there is no evidence to indicate that this is more than a potential cause

He adds that if he had suffered a heart attack he would have fallen down and not rolled into the sea. It would also not be consistent with the tearing of muscles in his back. While he found evidence of lung disease Dr West did not believe it substantially increased Maxwell's risk of dying through accidental causes while at sea level.

The number of minor abrasions found on the body also could not be fully assessed. However, injuries to the legs could have been caused in the water by floating objects or the hull of the boat. Tearing and bleeding of muscles in the back of the shoulder "suggests that the deceased has, at some point, been hanging on to an object with his left hand with all of his weight being carried by that hand. This could occur, for instance, in a person who is hanging vertifreely suspended."

Dr West presents a number of explanatory scenarios. If Maxwell was hanging on to the rail trying to prevent himself falling in, "in such a large and unfit man the muscular effort required to hoist his body back onto the boat could cause the damage seen here." Alternatively, he could have overbalanced and fallen in but managed to grab the rail

as he fell. Maxwell would not have sustained his injuries if he had allowed himself to fall over, unless he climbed over the railing and slipped while still holding the rail. "One



West: drowning most likely cause of death

sees this pattern of injury on occasions in individuals who kill themselves as a result of falling from high buildings. Whilst some will jump or let themselves topple over a balcony or out of a window. others will actually ease themselves over the edge and hold on for a time with one or both hands before letting go."

Muscle tears result from violent muscular activity and are seen in individuals who are suffering from severe convulsions. "It is our view however, that they would not have resulted from convulsions in the water, from impact with the water or from any attempt

The possibility of homicide can also not be totally excluded, particularly since a man of such size, being unfit, could easily have been pushed in to

the water. Fluid found in the lung "is not diagnostic of drowning", says Dr West, but he concludes that the pattern of injuries leave the postmortem examination team without a clearly defined cause of death. "Whilst the deceased did suffer from cardiac disease and we cannot exclude it as being a factor in his death, we are of the opinion that the most likely cause of death if drowning.

Much of missing £458m unlikely to be recovered

BY NEIL BENNETT. BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE MAXWELL company pension funds have lost £458 million, almost two thirds of their value, and much of this is "probably irrecoverable". according to liquidators.

In a statement Neil Cooper. the provisional liquidator of Bishopsgate Investment Management, the company that managed funds from six Maxwell pensions, has disclosed that he has been able to secure assets worth only £237 million out of a total of £695 million.

The figure confirms the fears of the 32,000 contributors to the pension schemes. Mirror Group Newspapers. which operated the largest pension fund, reiterated its commitment to ensure full payments to all MGN pensioners and existing employ-

ees through a new fund. The statement from Mr

Cooper, of the accountants

Robson Rhodes, shows that Robert Maxwell used pension fund assets worth £217 million as security on loans to his private companies. Assets worth another £239 million were liquidated and the money diverted to Maxwell's private companies.

The money is then thought to have been used in an illegal attempt to support the share price of Maxwell Communication Corporation through anonymous offshore trusts. MCC has been placed in administration and its shares are worthless. Mr Cooper's statement admits that the liquidated funds paid into the private companies are probably irrecoverable.

The confirmation that Maxwell's banks hold pension fund assets worth £217 million sets the scene for a lengthy legal dispute over their ownership. Mr Cooper

said he had "not yet formed a view as to my ability to seek recoveries from third parties" and would only do so when he completed his investigation. It seems however that he and the banks will clash over the ownership of the assets. Mr Cooper said the total

pension fund should have been worth £695 million. compared with the E727 million estimate he published when he was appointed in December. He blamed the difference on a fall in the value of the funds' equities and property investments. Of the remaining funds,

only £111 million remains in the Common Investment Funds, BIM's main vehicle: £126 million was held by outside managers, including Invesco. MIM, Capel-Cure

Myers and Lloyds Bank. Mr Cooper's investigation into the whereabouts of the



Cooper: secured assets worth £237 million

missing money is almost complete. His statement said only £2 million remained untraced. During his investigation he is interviewing many of BIM's former directors, including Kevin Maxwell.

Mr Cooper returned to the High Court yesterday for a private interrogation of Larry Trachtenberg. a former direc-

fund protection laws LEGISLATION should be Protecting pensions: our

as auditor for the Maxwell firms in Britain, has drawn up a briefing document on pensions, but publication was delayed until Brandon Gough, the Coopers Deloine chairman, had given evidence to the Commons social security committee on pensions. The committee has been looking at the Maxwell pension schemes. "Despite much public debate and pensions legislation in recent years, the Maxwell affair has highlighted the inadequate legislative framework for the

protection on pension funds," Coopers Deloitte says.

By LINDSAY COOK. MONEY EDITOR

draft agenda for change, has introduced to protect the 11 million British employees been sent to the Securities paying occupational pension and Investments Board, the Commons social security schemes and 10 million pensioners, the chartered acccommittee on pensions and the chartered accountant's ountant Coopers & Lybrand Deloine said yesterday. clients. "The great majority of The company, which acted pension schemes are well managed but, recently, there has been a small but worrying succession of cases involving

the misappropriation of pension fund assets," the document says. "In addition, in some pension schemes there is considerable uncertainty surrounding the rights of members and employers. We believe that legislative action is required to ensure that all pensioners' and future pensioners' rights are clarified and protected, while safeguarding the interest of the responsible

Paul Meins, a partner at The briefing document, Coopers Deloitte, said that

when Cork Gully had recently been appointed as receiver to a company, it discovered that the whole pension fund had been lent back to the firm after a management buy-out. Only £16 was left to provide pensions for a few hundred people instead of the E500,000 that should have been allocated.

Coopers Deloitte says this could not happen if an independent trustee was appointed with the power to veto any investment or loan decision. The trustee should also choose its own actuary and auditor. The accountant would like pension funds to hold annual general meetings for members and have the power to disqualify trustees if they fail a "fit and proper" test. Coopers Deloitte believes a new pensions act is needed to bring in the changes, which could take five years to

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Jenkins: insidious damage over 40 years

Drastic measures needed to revive glory of royal parks

BY JOHN YOUNG

A NEW agency is needed to take over the management of London's royal parks from the environment department: a report published yesterday says. The agency should embark on a programme of restoration and improvement, including drastic traffic measures, to be completed by 2000.

The report, from a review group set up last July by Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, recommends that Speakers' Corner, in Hyde Park, should be restored as a national landmark by

being reintegrated with Marble Arch, from which it is presently... separated by traffic.

The impact of vehicles should be further reduced by closing North Carriage Drive in Hyde Park and Horse Guards Road in St James's Park. The underground car park off Park Lane should be deepened to accommodate coaches.

Although the group was asked to look at the future of the royal parks as a whole, its main emphasis is on Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens, which were felt to be at the greatest risk from traffic; development, commercial exploitation

The main recommendations:

Restoring Speakers' Corner as a national landmark ☐ Introducing parking charges and limiting

commercial events and the loss of their best features. The eight royal parks in the London area are Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, St James's, Re-

Richmond and Greenwich. Dame Jennifer Jenkins, the group's chairman, said that its

gent's Park, Green Park, Bushy,

☐ Banning traffic from North Carriage Drive, in Hyde Park, and Horse Guards Road, in St James's Renewing paths and cycle ways. Undertaking widespread restoration

members had been struck by the extent to which these open spaces in the heart of London had been insidiously damaged over the past 40 years. In addition to the proposed road closures, which would have to be subjected to engineering assessments, parking

charges should be introduced to deter commuters and shoppers and to free space for genuine visitors, she said.

In Hyde Park, the tradition of royal and national celebrations should continue, but large-scale commercial events such as last year's Pavarotti concert and the festival of food and farming should be permitted only occasionally. A programme of summer music should be introduced. There should be no additional formal sports facilities, but there could be more mutes for cyclists.

The report estimates that re-

tine restaurant could cost up to £2 million, and repairs and improvement to the Lido about £750,000. Other proposals, including landscaping of the Italian gardens and the surroundings of Kensington Palace and the renewal of paths and cycle ways could amount to a further £1.2 million. These costs would be partly met by revenue from parking charges, estimated at £750,000 a year.

Royal Parks Review (Department of the Environment, 2 Marsham Street,

Post Office

launches

charter

The Post Office, which is delivering nine out of ten first class letters the day after they

are posted, has promised further improvements to its

service in a new customer's charter, launched yesterday

The charter will be sent to all 24 million United Kingdom households from April.

It promises to give customers

regular details of local deliv-

ery services and of waiting

times in post offices com-pared with targets. Detailed

responses to most complaints

are promised with ten work-

ing days.
Sir Bryan Nicholson, the
Post Office chairman, said

that counter waiting times, a

big complaint in the past

were now shorter than at the

average bank, building soci-

ety or supermarket. The tar-get was for 95 per cent of

customers to wait no more

than five minutes, even at

Briton's body

The British embassy in Mo-

rocco is investigating the death of a British business-

man whose body was found

floating in the sea off Western

Sahara. The body of a second man who had been on a boat

with him has also been recov-

ered, but there is no sign of

The Briton, Keith Apple-ton, aged 43, of Wadebridge, Cornwall, an undischarged

bankrupt, was wanted by

British police for failing to pay more than £3,000 in tines

ed of fraud in 1989.

Locked out

the boat or of its skipper.

found in sea

(David Young writes).

Computer ruling puts a million poll tax orders in jeopardy

By Douglas Broom, local government correspondent

ALMOST one million poll tax liability orders may have been invalidated by a High Court ruling that computer records cannot be used as evidence of non-payment,

lawyers said last night. In a test case on the admissibility of computerised poll tax records, Lord Justice Mann sitting with Lord Jus-tice Nolan and Mr Justice Jowitt said that they were "hearsay evidence" and could not be used as proof of non-

Yesterday's ruling follows decisions by magistrates in London, Suffolk and Kent to reject computerised evidence in poll tax cases. It will be binding on magistrates'

courts in England and Wales. The High Court ordered magistrates at Coventry to reconsider liability orders granted against David Bullard, aged 36, an engineering buyer, and his wife

Workshop

clue to

kidnap

By PETER DAVENPORT

THE kidnapper of Stephanie Slater may have held ber oris

in danger.

Eleanor, aged 37, a civil

servant. The judges refused to waive the rule under which challenges to liability orders must be brought within three months, and dismissed an appeal by Martin Blatchford, aged 31, of Dudley, West Midlands. He had sought to challenge a suspended twoweek sentence imposed for failing to pay £86.80 poll tax on the grounds that a liability order made last September had been invalid.

Although local authorities welcomed the decision to uphold the three-month rule they said that up to one mil-lion liability orders granted since the the end of November last year could be in

jeopardy. The government has already announced that it will change the law to make computer records admissible as evidence in court, but the new

Hostage accused of plot

A MAN who was shot in the hand after being held at gunpoint in a 30-hour car of arranging his own

oner at his place of work, police said yesterday. They said that although the estate Newport crown court was agent heard voices just a few told that Donald Stewart had suggested the kidnap plan to his lover's husband, Roger feet away during her eight day ordeal she decided not to call out in case it put her life Amos, to resolve a domestic wrangle arising from the Tom Cook, assistant chief break-up of the Amos mar-riage. Mr Stewart, a comconstable of West Yorkshire police, said that the man may pany director aged 40, have used a warehouse, fordenied the allegation.

John Charles Rees, defendmer colliery, brickworks, railway shed or engineering ing Mr Amos, said that Mr Stewart had agreed to the Detectives were hoping that an appeal on the BBC plan in a telephone call. He told him: "You talked a little programme Crimewatch last about what would happen night would produce further and when it would happen evidence. The programme disclosed details of the car and you agreed to sort out the details later."

thought to have been used by Mr Rees said that the men the kidnapper and a tapearranged the time that Mr recording of his voice deliver-Stewart should be taken hostage outside the house in Newport where he lived with Mr Cook said the building may have been some sort of Amos's estranged wife, Linda. Mr Stewart dealed all the workshop, where people called in to either pick up or

Mr Amos denies attempted drop off items. Visitors may have entered just a small area of a large building and did murder, kidnapping, false imprisonment, possessing a firearm with intent to endannot go into the rear, where ger life, wounding with intent The location may have and unlawful wounding. He been the kidnapper's place of admits two charges of arson work, said Mr Cook, as he and shortening the barrel of a clearly had a detailed knowshotgun.

The case continues today.

until the middle of next

Councils are expected to cease action against default-ers until the new rules come into force. The Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities said that the delay would cost £3 million a week.

Giving judgment yester-day, Lord Justice Mann said that although an official from Coventry city council, Ian Ryder, had given sworn evidence that Mr and Mrs Builard had not paid, his evidence was based solely on a computer print-out.

The judge said that Mr Ryder's evidence was "pure hearsay" as was not based on his own knowledge. The information contained in the print-out had been "implant-ed by humans" and was inadmissible as evidence.

The computer print-out relied upon by the city council what had to be proven and accordingly the council could not have discharged the evidential burden which was upon them," he said.

"In consequence, the magistrates could not in law have made the two liability orders. Accordingly they stand liable to be quashed." Lord Justice Notan and Mr Justice Jowitt

After the hearing Mr Bullard said: "We think we have shown what went on in not good for justice - not just for ourselves and the people who have gone through that court, but up and down the country where cases have been pushed through with undue haste without proper attention being paid to peo-

ple's rights."

Mr Bullard and his wife owe about £690 each in two years' unpaid poll tax. Asked if he would now pay he re-plied: "That wasn't the question at issue. The question was whether the city council had proved their case and it seems from this they

THE first British armoured

regiment in Germany to lose its tanks under the gov-

ernment's defence cuts sent

home 30 Chieftains yester

day. The tanks went by rail from Detmold, in northwest

Germany, to Antwerp, from where they will be shipped

to Britain and then put in

storage. The return home of the

15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars' tanks is one of

many losses facing the 233-

year-old regiment over the

The regiment is to be

amalgamated with the

13th/18th Royal Hussars

(Queen Mary's Own) in the

autumn, as a result of which

it will lose its individual

identity. It will also lose its

royal colonel-in-chief, Prin-

cess Margaret, and its com-

next few months.

Steve Nally, secretary of the All Britain Anti-Poll Tax Fed-eration, said: "This judgment opens up the potential for thousands of appeals. Unfortunately the three-month deadline means that over 7.5 million people will be denied

David Blunkett, Labour's local government spokesman, said that the government had known about the potential legal loophole since last summer and should have acted



Rubber reverend: Juliette Cahn of Bonhams mops the brow of Ian Paisley's latex double, created for TV's Spitting Image and expected to fetch up to £500 at the London auction house's modern British picture sale on March 11

Lieutenant Colonel Christo-

pher Braithwaite. The com-

mander of the merged

regiments, to be called the

Light Dragoons, is expected to be the commanding of-

The last ten Chieftains

out of a total of about 60

belonging to the 15th/19th.

presently based at Demoid, will have been

The Light Dragoons, how-

ever, will stay in Germany

but become an armoured reconnaisance regiment,

equipped with Scimitar

Under the government's plan to create a "smaller

out better equipped" army

for the 1990s, manpower

will fall from 156,000 to

116,000. The British pres-

ficer of the 13th/18th.

withdrawn by April.

Surplus Chieftains shipped home

ence in Germany is also being reduced by more than half, as part of the pro-

gramme to change Nato

forces from large standing

armies into more mobile,

multinational units. The

Light Dragoons will be as-

signed to the new rapid re-

action corps which is to be commanded by Lieutenant General Sir Jeremy

The 900 Chieftain and

Challenger tanks in Germany are to be reduced by 50 to 60 per cent. The with-

drawal of soldiers and tanks

will be in three stages. The

first 15,000 servicemen will

be out by September and the remaining 21,000 to be

withdrawn will be home by

The 15th/19th, whose

motto is "We shall be wor-

Mackenzie.

mid-1985.

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

Building society seized flat in error

BY RACHEL KELLY

THE Nationwide building society has apologised to one of its customers after mistakenly repossessing his flat.
Earlier this month, the building society instructed the estate agents Folkard and

Hayward to change the locks on the doors of Peter Holmes's flat in West Hampstead, northwest London. It believed that the flat had been abandoned by Mr Holmes, who was £11,000 in arrears with his £55,000 mortgage.

Mr Holmes, aged 40, who has been unemployed for several months, returned to the ground-floor flat later that day. He got inside by break-ing a kitchen window, cutting himself in the process.

"There was no sign of any note," Mr Holmes said. "It was dreadful. I hardly ate or slept for a couple of nights. wondering what had hap-pened. It didn't occur to me at first that the building society might be responsible. They had made no attempt to

In cases of abandonment. building societies do not usu-ally inform the customer of impending repossession. Mr Holmes discovered that the Nationwide was responsible only when he found an estate agent's circular two days later notifying the other residents in the house that the flat had

been repossessed.

He contacted the building society, which sent him a letly". It also sent him a cheque for £250 to cover the cost of changing the locks and mending the broken window. The Nationwide said:

"This was a very unfortunate mistake, particularly in light of all the efforts we are making to talk to borrowers who are experiencing difficulties with their mortgage."

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thy of our honours". is ex-

pected to move to the

British garrison at Hohne,

near the site of the Belsen

concentration camp, when

the amaleamation is com-

pleted. The 13th/18th is

now based at Wolfenbüttel,

in Lower Saxony.

More than 300 of the

15th/19th are at present serving a six-month emer-

gency tour in Cyprus as part of the United Nations

eacekeeping force. The fate of the army's dis-

carded Chieftains has not

yet been decided. Many of

them are expected to be stored at an ordnance depot

near Andover or used for

target practice on Salisbury

be destroyed under the Con-

ventional Forces in Europe

Some will also have to

British Waterways has closed a flight of 29 locks on the Kennet and Avon canal at Devizes, Wiltshire, because of low water levels. It will re-main shut for four months unless there is heavy rain.

Medieval find

A pilot taking aerial photographs of Roman settlements near Swindon, Wiltshire, discovered the site of the mediwhich archaeologists had been hunting for 30 years.

Alarm success

Four sisters were rescued from a fire at their home in Warwick when the alarm was raised by newly fitted smoke detector. Firemen hauled them out of an upstairs

Called to book

Sean Flynn, aged 21, of Northwood, northwest London, was remanded on bail by Uxbridge magistrates after admitting making a hoax bomb call. He gave the operator his correct name and address.

Late payer

A former seaman, aged 71, has sent the Salvation Army E5 for a meal it gave him in 1939. "Please forgive this late payment," he wrote.

Doctor orders sweet reason

THE sweet-toothed should not despair. Not only can "naughty but nice" food, in moderation, be compatible with a healthy diet, but tooth decay owes less to what you eat than to what toothpaste you use, a conference of the biscuit, cake and chocolate industry was told yesterday.

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Miss Slater was held.

ledge of the premises.

Dr Roger Whitehead, chairman of the government committee which produced last year's report on how to achieve a healthy diet, told delegates people need not forgo chocolates, pastries, biscuits and cakes on health grounds, as long as they were part of a balanced diet.

Yet he also challenged the industry, valued at EI.6 billion a year, to learn by the experience of its American counterparts and by other food sectors to produce "lowfat" versions of popular sweet. cake and biscuit brands.

Dr Whitehead, who headed the panel of the Committee on Medical Aspects of Food Policy, whose report last July advised less sugar and fat and more fruit, vegetables and cereals for a healthier British

Louise Hidalgo finds that she can have her cake and eat it, providing she brushes

afterwards with fluoride toothpaste

diet, said: "Fats and oils should not be regarded as bad foods. They are a valuable source of energy and some are as necessary for health as vitamins and

minerals. Saturated fats, however, which when broken down include cholesterol, commonly thought to increase the risk of heart disease, should "be eaten only in moderation and as part of a properly balanced

diet", he added. Dr Whitehead, who is director of the Dunn Nutrition Centre at Cambridge, said the industry should play its part in helping its customers to achieve the goals set by the food policy report for a healthy and balanced diet, which included reducing the average daily intake of sugar to 12 teaspoons, the amount of fat from 40 to 35 per cent of calories, and the amount of saturated fats from 16 per

cent of food energy to 11. We have to be realistic. We cannot expect people to give up chocolates and chips. But we can help make it as easy as possible for them to achieve balance."

He urged delegates at the annual Biscuit, Cake, Chocolate and Confectionery Alliance conference, who included representatives from the leading confectionery, biscuit and cake manufacturers, to modify their ranges to include products low in saturated fat and high in fibre.

The conference also heard that the decline of tooth decay in the UK in recent years was due mainly to the use of fluoride in toothpaste. Dr Maureen Edmondson, manager of scientific affairs for Mars, said an experiment at a French school had shown tooth decay decreased by between 50 and 70 per cent over two years after daily cleaning with fluoride toothpaste.

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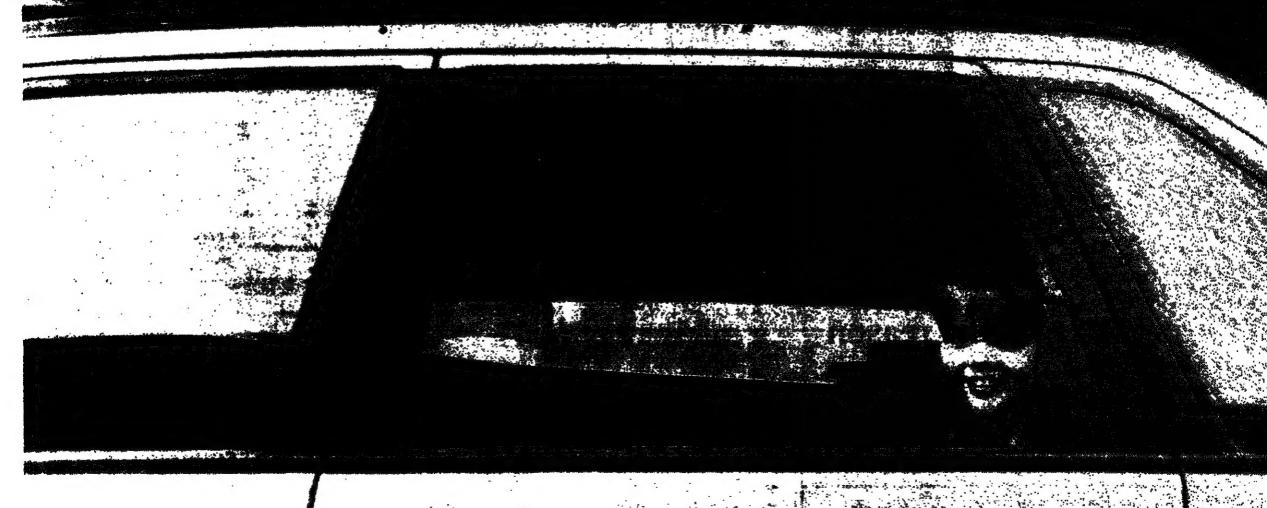
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Major blamed for causing recession

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

policies are working", adding that since then the British

economy had contracted by

2.5 per cent and unemploy-

ment had risen by 750,000.

With Labour denying gov-

ernment claims of a world

recession, the prime minister

countered that between 1981

and 1991 the British econo-

my had grown faster than the

economies of all the other

European countries. "Taking

the last year as a whole, in-

dustrial production fell more

in Japan and more in Ger-

many, than in the UK. Why

do you think that is, if you blame me for everything?" John Smith, the shadow chancellor, said: "Today's fig-

ures reveal that 1990-1 has

been the worst single year of

recession since the 1930s. These figures are proof positive of the unacceptable price of Conservative economic.

mismanagement."
Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, said:
"Our economy is in a mess

because the government has created the second recession

in a decade. New figures on

growth show that recovery is

NEIL Kinnock greeted yes-terday's official figures confirming the longest recession since the 1930s and a 2.5 per cent drop in GDP last year by accusing John Major of being "not only the prime minister of recession but the prime cause of recession"

Accusing him of "groping around" to find excuses for failure, Mr Kinnock repeated what he was seeking to make a campaign slogan: "Major-ism isn't working". With opinion polls showing that only 9 per cent of people

blame the Major government for recession, Labour is losing no opportunity to point out that the prime minister was Chancellor when the reces-

In bitter Commons ques-tion time exchanges, Mr Mafor insisted that not just Britain but the world was suffering from economic slowdown. He claimed that the right circumstances for recovery were in place, with lower interest rates, lower mortgage rates and lower in-flation. And he said: "The people of this country won't

let you throw that away." Earlier, cabinet ministers urged Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to press ahead with tax cuts as Mr Lamont reported on the Budget background. The mood was said to be one of "realism" as he reminded them that under the autumn statement provisions, some £7 billion extra of public spend-

ing would begin on April 1. Ministers were understood to have taken the view that the markets would accept an increase in public borrowing to more than £20 billion to facilitate tax cuts. Officially the cabinet was said to have endorsed the options set out by the Chancellor.

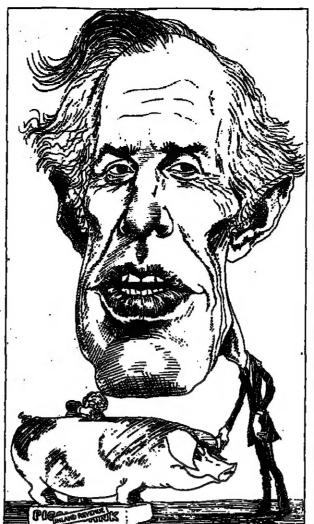
Earlier Tony Newton, the social services secretary, and Mr Lamont, bitterly attacked Labour's plans for an extension of taxation on savings. arguing that they would hit those who had retired early. those who been made redundant and widows dependent on the income from insur-

ance payouts.

Mr Newton accused Labour of launching "an old-fashioned class war against an ever-growing army of savers and inheritors". Mr Lamont said: "We can do without Labour's pickpocket National Insurance tax. And we can do without their envy tax on savings."

Mr Lamont said that Labour's planned 9 per cent tax on savings incomes above £3,000 a year would hit 1.1 million non-pensioner tax-payers, 750,000 of them on the basic rate. Many would have incomes less than £21,000 a year, breaking Mr Kinnock's pledge that nobody below that level would face a tax increase. Mr Newton said that 750,000 basic rate taxpayers, mostly those who had retired early, would lose an average of £5.40 a week. Another 360,000 higher rate taxpayers would lose an average of £34 a week.

In the Commons Mr Kinnock recalled Mr Major saying a year ago that "our



Raising the alarm: Tony Newton highlights Labour's plans to tax savings above £3,000

Minister alerted to drug risks

By PETER MULLIGAN

ALARM at the dangers from the drug "Ecstasy" reached the Commons yesterday as ministers were urged to take action to stop its spread.

John Patten, Home Office minister of state, acknowledged that Ecstasy can kill by causing lung failure, and said there was evidence linking it to psychotic problems. There were five deaths last year.

He said the drug mostly came from abroad after successes by the UK police who had closed down four manufacturers. Under pressure from Labour to justify the decision to cut 400 customs officers' jobs, he told MPs there had been record seizures of Ecstasy this year.

Mr Patten said a new European-wide drugs intelligence unit would lead to closer police links, while 17 drug prevention teams were in place in areas where Ecstasy and other drugs were used in large amounts.

Mr Patten promised to con-

sider another backbench suggestion that warnings of penalties for drug offences should be handed to passengers on incoming airliners.

THE COMET

SALE

NOW ON, WITH UP TO

Poll date likely to limit Budget debate

BY PHILIP WEBSTER CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

expect John Major to announce the date of the general election on Thursday, March 12, two days after the Budget.

With Westminster now unanimous in the belief that the election will be on April 9, Mr Major is believed likely to make the formal announcement after the cabinet meeting on March 12.

Nothing is firmly fixed, but under provisional plans being discussed by strategists the Commons would then be told on Thursday afternoon that the Budget debate, which by then would have been running for two days, was being curtailed.

Votes would take place that day on the key Budget resolutions governing collection of taxes, excise duties, and the continuation of tax relief on mongage interest. The government will also want a vote on any tax cuts made in the Budget to highlight the main philosophical difference between the two main parties. Labour is committed to re-versing cuts in the basic rate.

The Finance Bill implementing the Budget would be pushed through in one day,

TORY strategists and MPs on the Friday, after a guillotine motion limiting debate. The Conservative central council in Torquay and the Labour Scottish conference in Edinburgh will give Mr Major and Neil Kinnock the chance to send their parties into battle. The Commons would then be prorogued on the Monday, March 16, the last possible day to enable the statutory minimum election

campaign period.

Labour leaders are predicting chaos over parliamentary business becaule of the government's decision to have the Budget on March 10 rather than March 3, which they say would have allowed a more orderly dissolution of Parliament. There will be claims of "constitutional outrage" over the shortening of the Budget debate and the rushing through of the Fi-

John MacGregor, the Commons leader, stonewalled yesterday when his Labour shadow John Cunningham demanded an as-surance that the Budget demanded would not be truncated in the event of an April

AROUND THE LOBBY

Labour to replace secrets act

A Labour government formation act in its first year, Roy Hattersley said-yesterday. The legislation has already been

drawn up. Speaking at a news-paper awards presentation in London, Mr Hattersley said the bill was based on the principle that all public information must be freely available unless it could be shown to be detrimental to the security of the state or the welfare of private individuals. It would replace the Official Secrets Act.

New sentences Since February 1989. when the law was changed, Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney general, has re-ferred 69 cases to the Court of Appeal because he thought the sentence too lenient. In 36 cases already dealt with, the sentence

was increased; in ten it was unchanged. Seven were

Europe's price Each person will pay about E21 towards the EC budget this financial year, the Treasury estimates. Next year, according to a written answer from Francis Maude, the financial secretary, the

about £50 a person. 44,000 in jail The average prison population in England and Wales last year was 44,808, Angela Rumbold, a Home Office minister.

net contribution will be

said in a written reply. Parliament today Commons (9.30): Private member's bill: Referendum Bill, second

Lords (11): Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Bill and Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) (No 2) Bill, second

Millions overpaid

BY SHEILA GUNN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

the audit office, called for a higher priority for improving the system of handling defence payments totalling about £24 billion a year. The Commons public ac-

After examining the ministry's £1.5 billion information technology programmes, the committee said the cost of the learning process was sometimes "unacceptably high".

The threat of "hacking"

into defence computers also alarmed MPs who called for a unified security agency to be set up as a matter of urgency.

The report said: "We enquired about the question of hacking since a whole system could be thrown into disarray if people were able to achieve access to it ... The department confirmed that they were very concerned . . . They told us that there were government-wide arrangements

practice." National Audit Office: financial control over payments by the Ministry of Defence (Sta-tionery Office £7.80) Commons public accounts committee 13th report -Ministry of Defence: support information technology (Stationery Office £7.90)

The Westminster week

The main business in the House of Commons next week is expected to be: Monday: Motion to renew prevention of terrorism act Tuesday: Local Government Bill, remaining stages. Wednesday: Debate on inflation on a government

Thursday: Debate on Welsh affairs. Friday: Private member's motion on the registration of MPs' interests.

The main business in the

Lords is expected to be: Monday: Education (Schools) Bill, committee. Tuesday: Charities Bill. third Wednesday: Debates on op-portunities for women and on the economy of the North-

Thursday: Local Government Finance Bill, third reading. Friday: Medicinal Products (Prescriptions by Nurses) Bill, Stillbirth (Definition) Bill, and Traffic Calming Bill. second readings.

on defence contracts

DEFENCE officials were criticised by the government's financial watchdog yesterday for overpaying contractors more than £166 million. Although the sums were eventually recovered, the Nat-

ional Audit Office pointed out that the Treasury lost hundreds of thousands of pounds in interest through delays. Sir John Bourn, the head of

counts committee, working on the findings of the audit office, rebuked the defence ministry for poor planning and security of new computer systems. The MPs said they were particularly concerned about the waste of £6 million on the Landscape system, which the ministry's perma-nent secretary, Sir Michael Quinlan, had admitted was 'a sorry tale". The technology for land systems controls was started in 1984 but cancelled in 1990 because it did not fulfil the ministry's needs.

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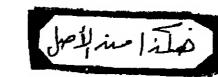
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UK to sell

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Athens: Britain will sell 32 Phantom F4 combat aircraft to Greece, in a deal described here as a move towards closer

bilateral and military co-operation between the two coun-

Ioannis Varvitsiotis, the

Greek defence minister, an-

nounced the decision after

talks in London this week

with Tom King, his British counterpart, and Alan Clark, the minister of defence pro-

curement. Sources said some

of the jets were still being used by the RAF, but they would be

gradually withdrawn from service as a result of British

defence cuts. Greek air force

officers and experts will visit

aircraft and consider the price" before completing the procurement procedures.

Rouble gains

Moscow: The purchasing power of the rouble has risen

again at the expense of the dollar. The Savings Bank of

tries (Chris Eliou writes).

Pay sweetener from Yeltsin buys off army

FROM BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

BORIS Yeltsin is throwing extra public funds at Russia's disgruntled army barracks, and pledged yesterday to take tough, old-fashioned measures against state corporations that impose excessive

Both moves amount to a watering-down, though not as yet a renunciation, of the government's commitment to fiscal austerity and reliance on market forces instead of administrative fiat to influence economic behaviour. Yet Mr Yeltsin, who gave a su-perb display of his folksy, populist style during an hour-long television interview on Wednesday night, appears to have calculated that these concessions are necessary to

Ceasefire sought in Karabakh

By BRUCE CLARK

THE foreign ministers of Armenia and Azerbaijan, nominal partners in the new Commonwealth of Independent States, agreed last night to recommend a ceasefire in Nagorno-Karabakh,

After eight hours of talks under Russian mediation, Raffi Hovannisyan of Armenia and his counterpart, Hussain Sadikhov, said they both concluded that "when guns are roaring, negotiations cannot succeed".

President Yeltsin's top adviser on ethnic affairs. Galina Starovoitova, expressed scepticism over the outcome of the talks, and it seemed doubtful whether the Azerbaijani minister, in particular, had the authority to deliver his side of any settlement. Azerbaijan's President Mutalibov has come under intense pressure from opposition forces to take a tough line over the disputed

Armenia's President Ter-Petrosyan was due in Moscow last night and was expected to meet Mr Yeltsin.

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assuage discontent and reduce the risk of a coup.

Alexei Ulukayev, an adviser to Mr Yeltsin admitted that new army pay rises would add "several billion roubles a month" to a public sector deficit that, under a budget painfully steered through parliament last month, had been supposed to be held at 11 billion roubles for January to March. Yet he added that the money amounted to less than I per cent of GNP, and it had to be found in view of the desperate economic plight of the military.

The pay rises — under which the minimum monthly wage for junior officers nearly doubles to 1,800 roubles (£10 at the new market rate) - will seem meagre in the barracks, where living standards among junior officers and non-commissioned officers have fallen well below those of factory or clerical workers. A survey published yesterday found that huge numbers of officers had to moonlight, as anything from night-school teachers to street-cleaners, to make ends meet.

Mr Yeltsin, employing his well-honed technique of setting up scapegoats, threat-ened draconian measures against regional governors who failed to implement his measures to improve the welfare, and in particular the housing allowances, of servicemen. Equally popular were the measures decided by the cabinet yesterday to punish corporations that abused their monopoly position by decreeing excessive price rises, or else by demanding hard currency - or other sweeteners such as cars or consumer goods for the workforce - in return for deliveries.

However, in at least one respect, free-market economic policies are creating a virtu-ous circle: Mr Ulukayev confirmed that oil prices would be deregulated by the end of the year and said that the rouble's steady rise against the dollar would make this much easier by reducing the difference between domestic and export

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Secret sharers: Oleg Kalugin, right, a former general in the KGB, talking to Roman Danov, the Bulgarian national security adviser, in Bulgaria on Wednesday. Mr Kalugin, who is in Sofia to help with the enquiry into the poisoning of the Bulgarian dissident, Georgi Markov, in 1978, claimed Bulgaria's secret service made three attempts to kill Markov, having previously tested the poison on prisoners sentenced to death. Markov, a writer and journalist, was killed in London where he was working for the Bulgarian lan-guage section of the BBC World Service. The first assassination attempt involved poison dropped in Markov's drink in Germany, while the second was made on an unspecified Mediterranean beach by rub-

bing a poisonous ointment on his skin, Mr Kalugin said. In the third and successful attempt, a metal sphere was implanted in his thigh. Investigators have repeatedly claimed that the poison was injected with the tip of an umbrella. (AP)

Ailing Honecker

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

leaves embassy

ERICH Honecker, the former East German communist leader, left his diplomatic sanctuary in the Chilean embassy in Moscow yesterday, a security guard outside the building said. The Russian and Chilean

authorities agreed to let Herr Honecker, aged 79, go to a Moscow hospital after reports that he has been suffering from cancer

We have been informed by the Russian government that there was a meeting with the Chilean ambassador and both sides agreed that there would be no problems regarding treatment in a Moscow hospital," Enno Barker, of the German embassy, said. Herr Barker said that

Bonn, which wants to try slaughter of people fleeing to the West during his rule, still wants his extradition: "We of course do not object to medi-cal treatment, to hospitalisa-tion if the physicians say it is necessary," he said. "If hospital treatment means that he is unable to come to Germany at the moment then our claim

over Honecker is just post-poned, not cancelled." Herr Honecker, who is said by his wife, Margot, to be kidney trouble, was spirited out of Germany by the Soviet military a year ago to avoid trial. He went to the Chilean embassy in Moscow in December to seek refuge from Germany's extradition demand.

Dieter Vogel, a German government spokesman, said yesterday that Germany's re-lations with Moscow and Santiago would be clouded if Herr Honecker was allowed to go to Chile. Santiago is prepared to accept him because his government welcomed left-wing activists who fled from President Pinochet's military government in the 1970s. Herr Honecker and his wife want to go to

Chilean foreign minister, said this week that a medical examination carried out at the embassy showed that Herr Honecker was very sick and doctors said he needed a liver biopsy and probably an

Chile because their daughter

Herr Barker suggested that if Herr Honecker was well enough to fly, he should be treated in Germany. "We have hospitals there too," he said. "We do object to him going to any third country."

Russia was buying dollars for 70 roubles yesterday, a significant increase from Wednesday when a dollar cost 100 roubles. (AP) Belgian task

Brussels: Jean-Luc Dehaene, Belgium's communications minister, to whom King Bau-douin has given the task of negotiating a coalition gov-ernment, said the king had

asked him to try again. The press here predicted a centre-left alignment. (Reuter) Istanbul blast Istanbul: At least three people

were killed and five injured when a bomb exploded at Istanbul's chamber of commerce. The bomb, planted in a basement office of the registrar, caused heavy damage. Police fear the casualty toll may rise. (Reuter)

Mann recovers Athens: Jack Mann, aged 77, the former hostage, has been discharged from a clinic in Nicosia where he was being treated for a lung infection and a heart complaint. Doctors said he had made a

Chemical ban

Geneva: Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the German foreign UN Conterence on D ment, urged all nations to declare their willingness to sign a treaty banning chemical weapons, which could be ready this year. (Reuter)

Coca tea party

Seville: Bolivia said it would give visitors to its pavilion at the Expo '92 exhibition here taste of the plant from which cocaine is made. Callers will be offered coca tea and coca leaves to chew to show the good side of this plant (Reuter)

Baptists build

Stockholm: A Swedish contractor said he had reached a £285 million agreement to build 1,000 Baptist prefabricated churches in Russia. Goran Oscarsson said: "The Russians are not only hungry in their bellies but also in their souls." (Reuter)

Work reward

Oslo: An appeal court has ordered an employer to pay more than I million kroner (£90,000) in damages to Thor Sorum for harassing him at work. He developed nervous problems after a sawmill foreman began repeatedly cor-recting him. (AP)

German bank staff back pay demand with strike threat

FROM PATRICK MOSER IN BONN

BANK employees in western Germany will start day-long strikes coupled with shorter work stoppages next week, union leaders announced yesterday. They were confident the action will disrupt banking activity. The decision coincided

with a renewed warning by the Bundesbank that industrial confrontation was putting jobs at risk and add-ing to inflationary pressure, which the central bank says it is seeking to combat by keep-ing lending rates at their current high levels.

Concern about the state of the German economy was increased earlier this week when the government an-nounced that the current ac-

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count plunged into a deficit of 34.2 billion marks (about £12.20 billion) in 1991. The Bonn government has forecast that the economy would pick up later in the year, but experts express doubts about the predction, based on the assumption that the world economy will improve and that pay increases will not exceed 5 per cent.

The bank unions made the strike announcement a day after pay negotiations broke down when union officials walked out of the talks because employers refused to increase their 5 per cent offer.
The unions had initially demanded 10.5 per cent, but made it clear that they would accept between 6 and 7 per

of an electronics giant whose former

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cent. "We want to achieve a maximum of disruption with a minimum of effort," Gerhard Renner, executive board member of the German Employees Union, said.

The action would consist of veral full-day strikes in selected big banks and finan-cial institutions. The union official said that hour-long warning strikes would also be held at the same time in some Western German bank em-

oyees had last participated in similar day-long strikes in 1987. successfully blocking an attempt to extend banking hours to Saturday mornings. About 20 per cent of western Germany's bank employ-ess are members of one of the two leading bank unions. said they were confident they would get sufficient support for the action, but hinted that

In a similar manner, the IG Metall union had called off a planned strike by steel workers at the last minute two weeks ago, after employers offered a 6.34 per cent increase. The government in-sists that pay increases should

employers could still come forward and make a new

suffering from cancer and remain below 6 per cent.

Blackmailing couple jailed

FROM REUTER IN FRANKFURT

EBERHARD Thust, the German boxing promoter, was sentenced to three years in prison yesterday for blackmailing tennis star Steffi Graf's father, Peter, over 2 love affair with a photographers' model.

The model, Thust's live-in companion Nicole Meissner, was also imprisoned for two years for blackmail. In 1990, Peter Graf had paid Thust DM800,000 (\$485,000) to keep his affair with 23-yearold Nicole Meissner quiet. Mass-circulation newspapers claimed at the time that Herr Graf was the father of Meissner's child, but a blood test proved this allegation to be

Herr Graf has denied that he was pressured into paying the money, but claims that he did so voluntarily because he wanted to keep the affair out of the press in order to protect his daughter, the former world number one women's tennis player. Both Thust and Meissner said that they would be appealing against their

its director general, said, with the stagnation of the

by a drastic fall in revenue

from advertising (almost 13

per cent in *Le Monde's* case, about £15 million).

M Lesourne's lament,

and his warning that fur-

ther sharp curbs on spend-



Meissner: blood test disproved child claim

Paris papers feel pinch of recession

right-wing tabloid. Le to the kiosks in defiance of the strike ordered by the

Dillons, Waterstones, Books Etc. and

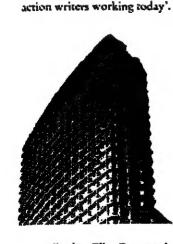
dependently) drew urgent attention to the "precari-ous" situation of the capital's newspapers, almost all of which are feeling the pinch increasingly as France's recession deep ens. The CGT's foot-dragging over the introduction of new technology was damaging enough to the in-dustry, a front-page editorial said: the apparent indif-ference of the public to the struggle for survival by the With advertising revenues falling, the French newspaper industry has been sent a grim message by striking printers, writes Philip Jacobson

with the capital's newspapers "dying of neglect" That warning came baremarket competition in and ly a week after Le Monde, around Paris. Both Liberathe most august and inflution, the left-leaning daily. ential of French papers, an-nounced that last year had and Le Figuro, rock of French conservatism, have been another tough year, even if 1990's loss of Fr39 been caught in much the same trap, with sales under million (E4 million) was repressure and income from duced by about a third. most types of advertising -

more sanguine a view of the prospects, while Le Quotidien's prospects are amply reflected in the phrase from its own an-guished editorial about "la grande misere" of the Parisian dailies The hard-headed officials who run the CGT, which is

usually described as Communist-influenced, know as well as every newpaper management that cutting production costs by the wholesale introduction of new technology is the industry's best, probably only, way out of trouble.

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DEPRIVED of their usual morning newspapers by yesterday's 24-hour printers' strike, some Parisian commuters could even be seen leafing cautiously through the pages of Eng-lish newspapers. Only the

You must read A Hooded CGT union to focus attention on job losses expected over the next few years. Seizing the moment. Le Quotidien (which prints in-

press in Paris would end ing on the paper would be required this year, were grimly familiar to the up-"The press is really in tor-ment." Jacques Lesourne, job offers above all — painfully reduced.

As M Lesourne admitted

to Le Monde readers, forecasts for advertising revenue this year are necessarily "fragile" and failure to come close enough to achieving them would mean an increase in cover price for the second year in succession. There is

Yesterday's strike was part of the skirmishing that has already begun over the level of redundancies that that would involve: 500 jobs lost over the next three years is a widely held estimate, but the print unions can be expected to fight

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White House plans poll offensive

Golden boys forced into treasure hunt

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PATRICK Buchanan and Paul Tsongas were New Hampshire's golden boys, but as the stardust settles the huge nature of the task ahead of them becomes apparent.

Both lack money, national organisations and strong regional bases, and face much better known opponents with lots of each. They have to jettison the "retail" strategies that succeeded in one small state of a million people and work out how to contest 13

THERE is a syndicated

American column called "Miss Manners". It an-

swers readers' questions

about etiquette. I am

thinking of asking how a journalist should behave

when he finds himself

alone in a sauna with a

man he believes to be a

presidential candidate.
It was Tuesday, the afternoon of the New Hamp-

shire primary. A man bearing a striking resem-blance to Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa was play-ing with half a dozen child-ton in the root of Con-

ren in the pool of Con-cord's Ramada Inn. Mr

Harkin is instantly identi-

fiable when on the stump, but identifying a man with wet hair and clad only in

swimming trunks was

A few minutes later we met in the sauna. I opted

for an oblique approach.

Those all your children?"

Just one of them, he replied, but he had caught the English accent. I was

covering the primary. I ex-plained. Still he was un-forthcoming, so I asked if he had voted.

He paused. "Oh, I'm not

primaries in three weeks in politically diverse states across the country. The answer will involve shadow boxing, with periodic assaults where their opponents are most vulnerable.

The Bush-Buchanan contest is turning personal and nasty. Backed by limitless re-sources, the White House is determined to crush Mr Buchanan with an unbroken string of thumping victories

from New Hampshire. I'm just sort of ..." — he searched for the right words — "... passing through." Another few sec-

onds passed. "Well actually," he said. "I'm one of the presidential candidates."

Back to Miss Manners.

Does a candidate have a right to be left in peace on election day? Suffice It to say that we chatted ami-

ably about New Hampshire, the union-backed

candidate expressing exas-peration at its perverse and

conservative character

(that night he came in fourth). No matter, he said.

Paul Tsongas would not survive outside his native

As the perspiration flowed, we switched to British politics. He had once met Neil Kinnock, he

said, emphasising the "nock" not the "Kin" in the American manner. Mr

Harkin had only once visit-

ed the Commons. What he

remembered most vividly was meeting a minister called Mr Pig. It took me a

while to cotton on. Not Mr Pig. I corrected him — Douglas Hogg.

New England.

Primary suspect

quizzed in sauna

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

Mr Bush, taking to the campaign trail, has now pub-

before the June 2 primary in

licly acknowledged that "Par" exists. In Tennessee, he dredged up a nine-year-old Buchanan cohumn advocating voluntary social security. Aides are scouring the thou-sands of outspoken newspaper columns Mr Buchanan has written over the past decade for examples of extremism, and will find plenty. But despite New Hampshire's roar of anger, the one thing the White House is not contemplating is any change in

economic policy.

New Hampshire's final figures, taking account of the 8 per cent of Republicans who voted for a Democrat to protest, gave Mr Bush 53 per cent and Mr Bushanan 37, cutting Mr Bush's victory margin to 16 points.

Mr Buchanan candidly admits uncertainty about how to confront "all of King George's horses and all of his men". He spent \$1.5 million (E855,000) in New Hampshire, leaving him with barely \$200,000 until more comes in. He needs, he says, to win an outright victory in a single primary to ignite a popular "firestorm". The most likely targets are Georgia on March 3, South Carolina on March 7, and Mississippi, Oklahome or Louisiana on

"Super Tuesday", March 10.
Despite Mr Tsongas's New
Hampshire victory, Bill Clinton is once again the favourite for the Democratic nomination. The Arkansas governor, who has just acquired secret service protection, has an esti-mated \$2 million in hand and eight of the next 13 primaries are in his narive South.

Mr Tsongas gained a cam-paign plane for the first time yesterday, but the little-known New Englander must somehow turn his victory into cash and national appeal.

Royalists revel as rebels retreat

Mild dissent reflects the timidity in 'coming out' against the Queen, reports Joanna Pitman

HOSANNAS, bunting and thousands of flag-waving Sydney residents greated the Queen yesterday as she was brought by Rolls-Royce to open the 50th parliament of New South Wales.

A sparkling array of digni-taries had been invited to witness her arrival Marshalled into neat rows outside the parliament house, all were decked out as if for Royal Ascot. Starched linen, imaginative hats and curtsies were the order of the day for the women, who were busily comparing notes on the Queen's apricot chiffon outfit as soon as she had walked up the red-carpeted steps.

The undercurrent of republicanism, which has been swirling since the Queen's arrival in Australia on Tuesday, surfaced yesterday in its boldest form yet. Two republican members of the Labor party boycotted the Queen's opening of parliament and held their own radical republicans' ten party in an office 12 floors above the upper house chamber.

As the Queen addressed parliament, Meredith Burg-mann and Ann Symonds, the two dissenters, sat alone munching cucumber sand-wiches and wondering whether they were being missed. "We refuse to publicly acknowledge the supremacy of the head of state of another or inclined to sale of another nation," Ms Symonds said. "Inviting the Queen to open our parliament is grossly inappropriate. Fifty-two per cent of Australians support the idea of an Australian head of state and, as an elected representative of the Health people, I could not bring my-L&T section, page 5 self to go into the room."



The original source of grievance that prompted yes-terday's assault on the mon-archy came in 1975. "when the Queen's appointee, the governor-general, dismissed the Gough Whitlam govern-ment", she said, "and I saw we had no control over our

decision-making body".
Only the two MPs have been prepared to snub the Queen this week. The other reputedly republican MPs, many of whom are Labor members, have decided not to declare themselves this week, highlighting a problem of Australia's republican movement, the widespread timidity felt in "coming out" against the Queen.

Ever since Annita Keating. wife of Paul Keating, the

ing. Yesterday morning she marked the 150th anniversaprime minister, caused a media sensation by choosing not to curtsy to the Queen on her arrival, the public has scrut-inised the behaviour of digniry of the foundation of Sydney in front of several thousand well-wishers. Three verses of taries meeting the monarch the national anthem echoed for evidence of republican leanings. Mrs Keating, whose husband recently pro-posed that the Union Jack around the town hall square followed by a rousing rendi-tion of Waltzing Matilda. An elderly lady called Marj dabbed her brimming eyes should be removed from the Australian slag, has been labelied a republican in the public eye. Kathryn Greiner,

the wife of the New South

Wales prime minister, on the

other hand, has won admis-

sion to the monarchist camp on the strength of her nimble

curtsy before the royal party. But the Queen has so far

seen nothing to suggest that

Australia's admiration for its

monarch is in any way wan-

and offered a glowing encomium for the Queen. With three friends, Lou, Pat and Cath, Marj represents one of the many groups of royalists who hunt in packs at such occasions, arriving hours ahead of royalty and setting up parasols, picnic tables and folding chair arrangements. A badge pinned to each capaclous bosom announced "We Love You, Ma'am".

Hawke gives up his seat

Sydney: Bob Hawke, the former Australian prime minister who was ousted in December by Paul Keating, yesterday resigned from parliament. His decision will lead to a critical by-election that his Labor party and the opposition will use as a referendum on each other's policies. Mr Hawke, aged 62, said he wanted to spend more time with his family and pursue outside interests. He is negotiating a deal under which he would interview world leaders on television. He said he remained convinced that he would have been the best man to lead Labor into the next election. which must be held by early next year. (AP)

Marcos plea

Manila: Imelda Marcos, the Philippines presidential can-didate, pleaded not guilty to eight charges of depositing \$75 million (£43 million) in Swiss banks without central bank authorisation while her late husband, Ferdinand, was president. (AP)

Tibet tirade

Peking: China has dismissed charges of human rights violations in Tibet as groundless, saying that groups such as Amnesty International were playing into the hands of Tibetan reactionaries hungry to regain control over the region. (Reuter)

Cash refused

Tokyo: Japan will not pay compensation to individual Korean women forced to serve as prostitutes for Japanese soldlers during the war. Officials said that war reparations had been settled in an agreement with South Korea in 1965. (AP)

Owls saved

Portland: A federal judge has blocked by injunction all logging in old-growth forests on government land in Oregon because of danger to the northern spotted owl's habitat. The case arises from a dispute between loggers and environmentalists. (AP)

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Lebanon fighting spreads while Jerusalem braces for June election choice of two hardliners

Israeli tanks thrust into Shia territory

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN NAQOURA. LEBANON

fantry units yesterday launched a fierce ground assault against two Shia Muslim villages in southern Lebanon suspected of being used by Hezboliah gunners to fire Katyusha rockets at northern Israel this week.

In what was widely regarded as a dangerous escalation in five days of fighting be-tween Israeli and Lebanese forces across the rugged border, at least 17 Israeli tanks, supported by a company of mechanised infantry, crossed out of Israel's self-declared security zone and seized a hilliop position overlooking the villages of Yatar and

Last night Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, said that his forces would remain in their new position for as long as was required to stop the current spate of rocket attacks against Israel. "You know when we say a limited period of time we don't set the limit exactly. Obviously we won't stay there forever and we won't stay there for long. I

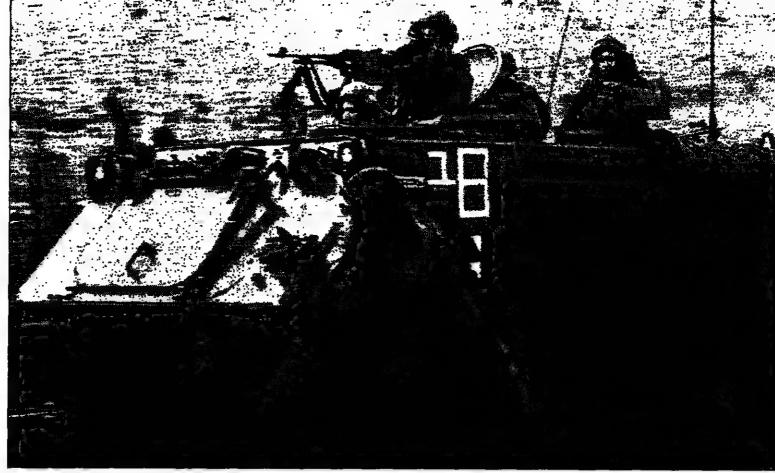
hope it will all end soon." However, his remarks did not satisfy Bourros Bourros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, who summoned the israeli representative and demanded the immediate withdrawal of Israeli troops from their new positions. During the operation is-

ISRAELI armoured and in- raeli gunners kept up a heavy artillery barrage on the sur-rounding area, while four Cobra helicopter gunships circled the grey skies over-head, providing covering fire for the ground forces.

To reach their objective the Israeli troops had to force their way through a road-block set up by multinational United Nations peacekeepers, whose vehicles were eventually removed forcibly by an Israeli army bulldozer after fist fights between the rival troops. During the confronta-tion two Nepalese UN troops were shot and badly injured when they were caught in the crossfire between the advancing Israelis and Hezbollah forces who converged on the area to engage them.

"We have the mandate given to us by the UN Security Council to stop all hostilities in the area," said Lieutenant-General Lars-Eric Wahlgren, the Swedish commander of the UN peacekeepers, who condemned the Israeli action and said that it would trigger further reprisals and counterreprisals but do little to halt the current rocket attacks on

The heightened state of tension in the region began on Sunday when Sheikh Abbas Moussawi, the Hezbollah sec-retary-general, was killed along with his wife, son and five bodyguards by Israeli he-



Fast forward: an Israeli armoured personnel carrier passing a soldier on patrol yesterday along the northern border with Lebanon licopter gunships which rocketed and strafed his convoy as it travelled through southern Lebanon. In response. Hezbollah gunners on Monday began a sustained bornbardment of northern Israel and the security zone with scores of Katyusha rockets, the latest of which crashed into Israel at noon yesterday.

Israel at first responded with more than a mile outside the an artillery attack of its own. but yesterday decided to send buffer zone. ground forces into the region. UN sources in the area feared that the Israelis were attempting to establish a new permanent base on the hilltop

at Tallet Hugban, which

dominates the main east-west

highway in the area and is

existing boundaries of the

What is particularly dis-turbing for the Lebanese authorities is the risk that other Lebanese militias and Palestinian guerrillas, who were disarmed and restricted by the Lebanese army last year, will again take up arms

alongside Hezbollah against the Israelis.

Another danger is that the confrontation will sidetrack next week's resumption of Middle East peace talks in Washington, which were supposed to concentrate on the Palestinian question but may now become absorbed in the latest twist in the conflict.

• Jerusalem: Palestinian negotiators yesterday left for

Jordan on their way to a new round of Middle East peace talks in Washington. The delegates had delayed their departure in protest against Israel's detention of two of

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Lockerbie case judge in Libya resigns

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS

THE judge leading Libya's investigation of the 1988 Pan Am bombing over Lockerbie in Scotland said yesterday he was resigning from the case. "I have been a judge for 32 years and have, thank God, a reputation like gold," Judge Ahmad al-Taher al-Zawi said. "I think the only correct decision I should take is to resign." He said the US and Britain had failed to respond to a request for detailed evidence against Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi and Lamen Khalifa Fhimah, the Libyans accused of the bombing. "I have had no co-operation from any other country con-cerned with this matter," he said. "Nobody wants to respect the legal system or judi-cial procedures... If I do not reach a decision they like, they will say Colonel Gadaffi told me to make it."

Judge al-Zawi insisted that the men should be tried in a Libyan court if sufficient evidence was found for them to be charged. The only other international forum he would agree to would be the International Court of Justice.

• Fear for Britons: Thousands of Westerners, including 5,000 Britons, could be trapped in Libya if the UN Security Council votes to sever air links with Tripoli for its alleged involvement in terrorism, diplomats said. (Reuter)

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Shamir downplays Rabin challenge

FROM BEN LYNFIELD IN JERUSALEM

YITZHAK Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, was close to victory last night over two rivals for nomination within the ruling Likud party, and was bracing for a tough contest against an increasingly formidable Labour opposition in elections in June.

As delegates of the Likud's 3,000-member central com-mittee cast ballots at a Tel Aviv fairground, their political bosses expressed concern about Yitzhak Rabin, the popular former prime minister, who became leader of Labour by winning a primary on Wednesday, against Shimon Peres, his rival.

Ariel Sharon, the housing minister, and David Levy, the foreign minister, each manoeuvring one day to succeed Mr Shamir, mounted underdog challenges for the nomi-nation. They referred to Mr Rabin's victory as a sign that Likud, too, should follow suit and change its leader.

A further test of strength among Mr Shamir, Mr Sharon and Mr Levy will come next week when Likud draws up its list of candidates for the Knesset. Mr Sharon's candidacy for the top Likud post has been based largely on attacking the government for holding peace talks with Arab states and Palestinians.

Only Mr Shamir, who appointed Mr Rabin as defence minister in a 1988 Labour-Likud national unity government, sought to play down the damage from Labour's replacement of Mr Peres. "It does not matter very much," he said, disregarding speculation that Mr Sharon's reputation will enable him to lure votes away from the Likud's

right wing supporters.

Mr Sharon said before casting his vote that "the only one who can face up to Rabin is me". Mr Levy appeared to go even further, using an endorsement from the new Labour leader. "Rabin has said that if David Levy is chosen to lead Likud, then Labour will have a problem. I am doing my utmost to give him this problem."

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Mother Teresa flies home to Calcutta

Mother Teresa, aged 81, flew from Rome to Calcutta yesterday, a day after she left the hospital where she recovered from heart surgery. The missionary nun, who met the Princess of Wales in the Italian capital on Wednesday, had a second heart attack two months ago and underwent surgery in California.

Queen Sophia of Spain has arrived in Amman on a private visit to Jordan. She was welcomed at the airport by King Husain and Queen Noor.

The painter A.J. Casson, the last surviving member of the Canadian Group of Seven artists, has died of an undisclosed illness, aged 93.

The film actress Kim Bas-inger has accepted undisclosed libel damages and an apology over a February 1991 article in the Daily Express. headlined "Worn-out

Basinger battles to beat drugs", which said she was a cocaine addict. She claimed that the story caused her considerable distress.

Alfredo Kraus, the Spanish tenor who has complained about being left out of a star cast at the summer Olympics opening ceremony in Barcelona, says he would take part if invited: "I am human, I would like to be there with my colleagues." \Box

Javier Pèrez de Cuellar, the former UN secretary-general has won this year's Four Freedoms Award, the Roosevelt Studies Centre of The Netherlands announced.

The grandson of John Wayne, the late film star, has been reported missing and his father has offered a \$5,000 (£2,850) reward. Anthony Wayne was reported missing on Tuesday. Police do not suspect foul play.

De Klerk outflanks diehards in their hour of triumph

ment of an almost immediate white referendum on reform. President de Klerk has once again shown what a tigerish politician he is.

In the wake of the Potchefstroom by-election, initiative and credibility were fast draining away from the government amid a growing chorus of discontent at the heart of die volk; now, at a single bound, Mr de Klerk has recaptured the initiative and by the sheer risk and drama of his new proposal has staged a coup d'éclat against Andries Treumicht's Conservative party even in its hour of triumph.

The risks Mr de Klerk is running need little emphasis. but his proposal is cannier than it seems. Rather than allow right-wing opposition to grow and fester in an increasingly sour and nervous climate, he has decided to confront and, he hopes, defeat that opposition now.

The African National Congress, for its part, finds its bjections to an all-white referendum simply swept aside. It will have little choice but to sit on its hands wishing Mr de Klerk well: to stage mass action against such a referendum would simply push more votes to the right. No doubt the ANC will want to make its point that the days of such "whites only" votes should really be over. The ANC desperately needs Mr de Klerk to win so that the constitutional negotiations, to which it has committed itself completely,

can continue. The right is joyful at having at last gained its chance to

President de Klerk has stunned the world with his announcement of a referendum. R.W. Johnson assesses the chances of his gamble succeeding

fight an electoral holy war for white civilisation. Given the economic, political and personal insecurity felt by so many whites, with the lastditch nature of the choice presented, we are likely to see an exceptionally bitter campaign. No doubt we shall see the politics of Swart Gevaar (the black peril) practised as never before, with the National party on the receiving

For all that, the odds must

be on a de Klerk victory. A referendum is far more friendly terrain for the govemment than the parliamentary election the Conservative party has endlessly demanded. For in terms of the old South African constitution. parliamentary boundaries were systematically drawn in favour of the (more conservative) rural constituencies. which means that the Conservatives could win a parliamentary majority with less than half the votes - some-thing the National party did in every election from 1948 to 1958. And the Conservative party has notoriously strong grassroots, with well dug-in local notables.

In a referendum campaign constituencies will not matter, the rural weighting effect disappears, and local grassroots matter less than the single big national issue. Moreover, the choice of question will be Mr de Klerk's always an advantage, especially if one can present one's side as being for a strong

Conservatives and other rightists got just over 31 per cent of the vote and the National party just under 50 per cent, with the balance going to the liberal Democratic party. By-election results since then suggest a swing of about 14 per cent to the Conservatives, putting them at about per cent and, probably, the largest white party. But in a referendum Mr de Klerk will be able to count every Democratic party vote as his from the start. In theory, at least, that should see him home by a 55 to 45 margin. That is, Potcheistroom may have shown that the Conservatives can win an average Afrikaner seat but not yet

dimension. By announcing that he will resign if he loses, he is exactly imitating de Gaulle and, in effect, telling the country to "choose me or chaos". For even many whites who are fearful of change and frightened of the future find it impossible to believe in the Conservative party's "Rip Van Winkle" alternative of a

positive "yes" rather than a dull negative "no". In the 1989 parliamentary election, Mr Treurnicht's

quite an average white seat. But Mr de Klerk's dramatic separate white fatherland. In gesture has added an extra practice, as everyone knows. whoever wins will still have to deal with the ANC and an International community ready to punish heavily any attempt to backtrack towards apartheid. A victory for the

> the possibility of real chaos and violence. By dramatising that choice Mr de Klerk has personalised

"noes" would indeed present

it: many will see the referendum as simply a vote for or against him, that is, as a barely disguised form of presidential election. This too is favourable terrain for the president. Ever since the days of the Great Trek. Afrikaners have revered strong leaders willing to chart a bold path and stake all upon it. Even

many who dislike or fear much about Mr de Klerk's

"new South Africa" cannot withhold a certain admiradon for the man himself. Certainly, all the polls show that Mr de Klerk as a person runs well ahead of the National party as such.

A de Klerk victory might take considerable sting out of the threat from the right, for they would no longer be able to claim majority white support. But the right's frustration if loses will be terrible to see. Until now, it has largely refrained from violence because it was biding its time so that it could prove at the polls that it, not Mr de Klerk, spoke for the white man".

But the Conservative party will probably emerge as the first party in South African history to capture a clear majority of the Afrikaner volk -

then left between it and the Swart Gevaar it so abominates, the danger of violence will increase sharply. But those dangers have always existed and Mr de Klerk has always known that he would have to face a showdown with the right. In effect, he has decided to have his High Noon now.

Quit threat, page i



Victory salute: Andries Beyers of the Conservative party celebrating on Wednesday after beating the ruling party in a key by-election

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Dustbowl threat to south of Africa

FROM JAN RAATH IN HARARE

SOUTHERN Africa is in the grip of a drought so severe that it threatens to turn the region into a vast dustbowl. Every country south of the 12th parallel, including the usually abundant South Africa and Zimbabwe, will have to import food this year. Statistics from the Southern Africa Development Co-ordinating Conference suggest that eight million tonnes will be needed, a quantity that will choke the region's transport

rangements are begun immediately. David Morton, regional representative in Harare of the World Food Programme, said: "We do not have any comprehensive figures at this stage, but we know that rainfall has been carastrophic. It is an extremely serious situation. It would require an unprecedented food aid programme involving massive quantities."

South Africa and Zimbabwe, usually exporters to much of the rest of Africa, are the worst affected, with parts of each country experiencing the lowest rainfall in memory. accompanied by record high temperatures that have created widespread crop failure. In South Africa, a welfare organisation predicted last week that two million people could be starving by May unless drought relief is speeded.

In southern Zimbabwe, 35,000 children are said to be severely malnourished. South African maize imports are expected to be between two and three million tonnes. Delegates to a meeting in Paris this week to raise finance for Zimbabwe's economic reform programme were told in a confidential document that the country may have to import a million tonnes after maize harvest predictions of 200,000 tonnes, a fifth of normal.

Countries such as Malawi. Zambia and Botswana that received sufficient rain in December and January, though less than usual, for promising maize and sorghum crops, have been struck by a sudden drying out of the atmosphere that is expected to devastate yields, Last week, Guy Scott, Zambia's agriculture minister, announced that the maize harvest estimate had been cut by a quarter. Experts predict that the fierce sunshine will drive yields lower.

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In Malawi, President Banda, touring farming areas, has been urging his fellow chizens to pray. No rain in the next two weeks would mean that the impact would mean the that the import requirement to feed the nearly one million Mozambican refugees jammed into the south of the tiny country would soar to 165,000 tonnes. A United Nations official in

Botswana said: "The problem is that the the usual sources of imports are also very precarious. .. Everybody is going to be importing and using the same ports and the same railways. Organisation is going to have to be very good." Nairobi: The United Nations World Food Programme said yesterday it would provide 9,000 tonnes

of food to 350,000 drought

victims in the northern Ethiopian province of Eritrea. (AP)

KIM Il Sung, the North Korean president, has assured the South Korean prime minister that his country is not

ratified a new agreement to make the Korean peninsular

surrounding us. "Furthermore, it is un-



Koreans endorse nuclear-free pact

building a nuclear bomb. But after two days of discussions in Pyongyang the nuclear threat continues to overshadow talk of reunification. The delegation from the south remains uncertain whether the "Great Leader" is telling the truth, although both sides

"As we have repeatedly stated, we do not have any nuclear weapons," President Kim is reported to have told the South Korean prime minister, Chung Won Shik. "Moreover, we do not produce and do not need to produce nuclear weapons. We do not intend at all to have a nuclear confrontation with the powerful countries

Kim: denies having nuclear weapons

BY DAVID WATTS, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

slaughter our fellow countrymen. Nobody can deny this, he mid. Reports from the North Korean capital said the president had called for arms reductions and reiterated his demand that all 39,000 American troops should be withdrawn from the south. President Kim expressed scepticism over claims that all American nuclear weapons had already been removed.

nuclear weapons which could

rie naueo c documents as "the first precious sten toward the independent and peaceful re-unification of the country" but gave no indication on when his state would resolve the nuclear disputes.

Fresh impetus for proper inspection of North Korean nuclear facilities comes from the Pentagon's recently leaked study of potential wars in which the Defence Intelligence Agency anticipated that North Korean would soon possess five to 10 such

Despite the fact that Pyongyang has signed an agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency to admit inspectors, North Korea has now insisted that the nuclear inspection agree ments must be ratified by the Supreme People's Congress which will not meet before early April.

Inspections would not take place until six months after ratification at the earliest. raising the suspicion that Pyongyang is playing for time nuclear programme.

Congress heads for big win in Punjab

Defhi: The Congress (I) party was heading for a majority in the 117-seat state assembly in Punish last night, after the lowest voter turnout (Christopher Thomas writes).

The hardline Hindu organisation, the Bharatiya Janata Party, was also putting up a spirited showing as results came in from Wednesday's poll. The new administration will take office later this direct rule from Delhi. It is not expected to last long.

The election, boycotted by all but one faction of the traditional Sikh party, the Akali Dal, has been condemned as a farce. Traditional Sikh strongholds were captured by Congress after entire districts reported that not a single Sikh had voted.

Cambodia cost

New York: The United Nations has proposed sending more than 20,000 military, police and civilian personne to Cambodia at a cost of \$1.8 billion (E) billion) to take over the war-torn country in the run-up to elections in April or

Arrests claim

Algiers: More than 14,000 have been arrested in Algeria. according to the fundamentalist Islamic Salvation Front, which claimed to be quoting sources_close to security forces. The government has said 5,000 have been held in the state of emergency.

Aids ads change face of Hanoi

nam was never a puri-tanical state, even when it was politically orthodox. Nevertheless, street posters in Hanoi illustrating the campaign against the spread of Aids in Vietnam are surprising in their frankness. They depict a couple making love in an unusual position, and carry the words: "Do not have sexual relations with many partners.

Warnings are also given against injecting drugs. And on television Vietnamese are being urged to use condoms and "stay faithful". The government says there are only a few HIVpositive cases, but an official says this is just the tip of the iceberg.

Changes are coming with bewildering rapidity to Vietnam and to this once austere but now increasingly lively city on the Red River. While there is no real political opening to match the economic reforms that have brought increased prosperity and reduced the outward flow of boat people, the mood has

Over loudspeakers in central Hanoi that used to broadcast anti-American tirades, one can now hear The spartan charm of the city where Ho Chi Minh once ruled is fading fast with rapid development, James Pringle reports from Hanoi

songs by Paul Simon and Cyndi Lauper. Bookshops are selling Vietnamese translations of Alexandra Ripley's Scarlett, sequel to Gone wiTh the Wind, and

Hoan Kiem Lake of the Reof the capital, has been restored, and the red star that topped it removed. As this pagoda with its star had been used as an emblem for Hanoi, the change is seen as significant.

Othodoxy are hard to find now, one diplomat says. But a statue of Lenin still stands forlornly in a central park, visited only by communist delegations from other Vietnamese other

will not alter his place at the heart of Vietnamese society, diplomats say, as he

the latest novel by Sidney The Tortoise Pagoda in stored Sword, at the heart

> are doing it with scant regard for Hanoi's heritage." igns of communist or-Founded in 1010, the old city was, until recently, one of the finest surviving capitals in Asia. In Hong Kong, Singapore and Kuala Lum-

The picture of the late President Ho Chi-minh above the central bank is

have gone up in place of stately mansions. There are intimations of this here. also fading, though this does not mean that "Uncle Foreign investment and increased wealth are Ho" is too. Whatever ideothreatening to do what logical changes there are American bombs could not:

pur, shopping malls have replaced old Chinese shop

uses, and condominiums

destroy the charm of a re-fined city of tree-lined boulevards and pleasant old French colonial villas. Bicycles have made way for motor bikes. Tram cars have gone off to a scrap metal graveyard. Land prices soar as for-

eign businessmen pay top prices for office and resiis regarded as a strongly dential accommodation. nationalist figure. City officials say people are Some diplomats who demanding more space. have admired Hanoi's sparnow that they have more tan, pristine charm, a harmoney. In the ensuing chamonious mixture of Asian otic construction boom, old and European architectural stucco buildings that could styles, are distressed at the he restored are being torn rapid, indiscriminate pace down to make way for unsightly edifices in the dreaof development. "Under the reforms, people are now allowed to build on their ry old Soviet mould. One landmark being retained is the old own, which is fine," noted "Unfortunately, they

Metropole Hotel, for years the rat-infested Unity Hotel of the Communist regime. The Metropole has been restored to its turn-ofthe-century style by a French company, and will re-open soon as the Pullman Metropole Hotel, Hanoi's first five-star hostelry complete with business centre and swimming pool. Foreign diplomats hope the hotel will demonstrate both to city planners and to citizens that it is possible to modernise while saving

Kurd mission

Ankara: Mustafa Barzani, head of the Iraqi Kurdistan Democrat party, arrived here on visit marks an important resumption of relations suspended last October. He will have talks with Suleyman Demirel, the Turkish prime minister, on logistic support.

Rallies banned

Abidjan: Ivory Coast's government has imposed an indefinite ban on demonstrations after the arrest of Laurent Gbagbo, leader of the main opposition party, led to violent protests in the town of Ouraganio, 125 miles northwest of the capital. (AFP)

Zaire mourns

Kinshasa: The Archbishop of Kinshasa has ordered special services as a mark of "regret and protest against the death of 17 pro-democracy demonstrators when the Zairean army fired on Christians marching through the capital last Sunday. (Reuter)

Ceasefire plan

Rome: The Mozambique government and its rebel foes will tackle within days the vital issue of a ceasefire in the country's 16-year-old civil war, which has claimed over a million lives since 1975, mediators at peace talks here said. (Reuter)

Bow and scrape

Lynne Truss wonders why we still curtsy

Perhaps the main interest in the "Aussie PM's wife bows to Queen". incident, which has so marred Her Majesty's trip to the antipodes, is that it underlines the unfairness of life. There is nothing treasonable or discourteous in a woman bobbing her head to the mon-arch instead of flexing her knees in a curry. Debrett's Etiquette and Modern Manners states that either gesture is admissible (implying that it is the thought that counts). No, the real cause for regret is that Mrs Keating, privileged to meet the Queen, did not seize her one chance in life to practise a social skill that most of us learn in knobblykneed infancy and have never had a proper opportunity to use. Bowing and scraping in front of Elizabeth R seen on the telly may have been fun for all the family, but it was a poor shadow of the

Of course, there is a larger ideological issue about whether to bend the knee to the monarch. But given that generally one doesn't meet the Queen without wanting to (she doesn't come round to your house and surprise you in the bath), this is surely irrelevant.

Perhaps Mrs Keating was simply overwhelmed by the occasion and wor-ried that the rather tricky weight-shifting involved in a curtsy might cause her to fall over. Perhaps she was wearing leg splints; I don't know for sure. I suppose the point is that the curtsy implies more abject obeisance than the male equiva-lent neck-jerk nod of the head. But since both acts are minimal these days, I wonder if it really matters. The curtsy does at least have the advantage that one is unlikely to head-butt the monarch by mistake

Historians of etiquette remind us that the curtsy was formerly performed by men, and that somehow (as is the way with evolution) they later lost the use of their legs. Think of Errol Flynn in tights sweeping the parquet with his plumed hat, and you will wonder how we ever let

f course, accidents could happen even to the most practised and courteous of hand-kissers. John Aubrey's Brief Lives gives us the salutary tale of Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxford, who made such a deep curtsy to Queen Elizabeth I that he unfortunately broke wind. To cover his embarrassment (so the story goes), he set sail for Europe and didn't return to court for seven years. On returning to the royal presence, however, he was greeted with the words, "My lord. I have forgot the fart." No wonder he afterwards consoled himself by writing

Shakespeare's plays.
In the documentary Elizabeth R, there was a pleasant scene filmed at Buckingham Palace, in which a select group of the Queen's subjects were trained in the protocol of kneeling on a velvet stool. I am told that the palace is also happy to coach women in the rather okey-cokey business of the curtsy - with because there are women who honestly

don't know how. They can never have known the pleasure, then, of bobbing to the Lord Mayor at prizegivings, or doing deep wobbly curtsys at the end of ballet lessons. But is it something that really needs to be taught? Surely the impulse to bob is atavistic and involuntary, something to do with fight or flight in the face of superior strength. I am sure I have seen people curtsy on meeting Mrs Thatcher, for example. And some of them were men.

'Curtsy while you're thinking what to Queen advised Alice (in Through the Looking Glass). I doubt that our own monarch passed this advice on to Mrs Kearing, but it would have been a lark if The stigma of bankruptcy has gone as debtors escape their creditors, writes Charles Bremner in New York

A wonderful thing has just happened to those two icons of American consumerism. Macy's and TWA. Both of them have gone broke. We knew it was great news because both TransWorld and the world's biggest department store took out heavy advertising to proclaim their vision of a rosy future under "reorganisation".

the new up-beat word for "filing for Chapter 11", which was the last euphemism for bankruptcy. Not so long ago, a whiff of bankruptcy would have been enough to send passengers fice-ing for other airlines and credi-tors besieging the shop along with Thanks to generous laws and the demise of the puritan ethic. bankruptcy both personal and corporate has lost much of its stigma and is becoming almost a

status symbol. Britain's Society of Insolvency Practitioners recently complained about the rush to the receiver, but the picture on the east of the Atlantic is positively Dickensian compared to that in America. British bankrupts do not yet jump into the expensive cars they were allowed to keep under kindly laws

Where it's chic to be broke

addiction to debt.

The days when indigent debtors would be drummed out of the country club ended in the junk hond era, a time when credit companies showered the public with unsolicited cards. Bankruptcy chic probably began when John Conolly, a former Texas governor, drew no opprobium ing for other airlines and creditors besieging the shop along with the customers eager for a crack at say five years ago. By the turn of the liquidation. But not any more. Thanks to generous laws and the America, including big names such as Pan Am and Continental, from creditors". That image of evil money-grubbers pounding at the door of the hungry is the favourite device for referring to the laws which buy time to restructure" a company or one's

> dreds of thousands of companies and individuals large and small are treating bankruptcy virtually as a dever manoeuvre or rigorous health cure. Take, for.

example, one of New York's most prominent inhabitants of Chapter II, or deadbeats as they were known locally in the old days of negative-thinking. Not Donald Trump (only parts of his empire have gone under), but Peter Kalikow, another property tycoon and the owner of The New York Post. Although he is "seeking relief" from his creditors. Mr Kalikow has just announced his plan to bid some \$50 million for The Daily News, the news-

What might once have sounded like a joke is being taken as a nifty ploy which may win the support of Mr Kalikow's creditors on the principle that the Post, which is not bankrupt but close to it, will stand a bener chance of survival by amalgamating with the bankrupt News.

paper bought last year by the posthumously bankrupt Robert

This sort of move is prompting businessmen to start seeing solvency as a positive handicap. How can one lose, they wonder,

off even while they continue happily feeding one with more credit, as suppliers are doing to many of the 13,000 retail firms new in bankruptcy?
In the personal field, bankrupt-

cy jumped nearly 50 per cent last year in the north-east United States, and 30 per cent nationally. Hugh Leonard, a New Jersey lawyer whose firm is handling the local "filing frenzy", szys too many people use personal insolvency so wash themselves of debt. "It's like buying a new set of clothes," he says. Courts are running special weekend sessions, and in suburbs across the country, the nouveaux pauvres can be found swapping bankruptbackyard barbecues. This is hardly necessary, since legal outfits are advertising their bankruptcy services everywhere. Those who prefer to avoid the stiff legal fees, payable up front of course, can buy do-it-yourself bankruptcy

All kinds of wheezes are avail-

Of course the process is far from painless, and a sense of failure does still afflict many "cramdown", a manoeuvre for honest Americans; but the moral shaving thousands of dollars off a burden has shifted. Rather than mortgage when the house's value feeling shame, many of the "cash drops below the outstanding debt poor" are angrily blaming the banks and credit companies to the bank. There are two kinds of personal bankruptcy. Chapter

discharge a person of all unsecured debt such as credit cards and medical bills (though not unpaid taxes). More popular with the employed middle classes is Chapter 13, which allows debts to be reorganised through a trustee, a process which eventually cancels most of them. As in the property business, location is everything. Some states, such as California and Florida, forgive the debts while allowing people to keep minimum trappings such as their

or straight bankruptcy, will

costly basics as medical care and higher education. Banks and loan companies are now arguing that the bankruptcy frenzy is far more than a symptom of hard times, and they have called on President Bush and the Justice Department to raise barrihouses, swimming pools and recreational vehicles. In Texas, ers to prevent people ducking their debts with near impunity. one can keep a home and up to But the credit business is hardly blameless. According to new fig-200 acres, as well as tens of ures. 16 per cent of new bankthousands of dollars in vehicles and other assets. In poor New rupts are given installment loans or new credit cards within a year Hampshire, however, the wolf

uniform and a burial plot. Not surprisingly. imminent bank-rupts are fleeing the state for the

which so irresponsibly forced

them to hock themselves in the

1980s. Beyond that, members of

bankrupt survivors' groups can be found reproaching a society

which provides no safety-nets

and requires citizens to fork out

from their own pockets for such

Slaying Labour's old dragons

By taming the unions, the Tories have made voters feel safer with the opposition, says Peter Riddell

orman Tebbit, as so often, summed up the Tories' dilemma. The danger for the party, he said on the BBC's On the Record, is that there is "a fair play instinct in the British voter who will say, if there is not a lot between them, perhaps we should ny the other lot. The Tories have done a lot of good, they've sorted out the unions, the nationalised Industries, and - alongside the Americans - the threat of the Soviet Union. Perhaps there's a case then, for having a Labour

In short, might the Tories lose the election because of their successes, as much as because of their failures? By slaying the dragons of the late 1970s and early 1980s, have they made it safe for voters to elect a Labour

The polls suggest this is a real threat to the Tories. The proportion of voters believing there are really important differences between the parties has fallen from three-quarters to just over a half. while the number regarding the risen from a quarter to just under a half. This shift results partly from the convergence of the parties' appeals to the centre, but it also reflects the disappearance

of the old bogeys.

This week, for instance, the Tories sought to cause a scare over Labour's relations with the unions. Two press conferences and a Commons debate were mounted to dramatise the message that Labour is still in the grip of the unions. But listening to the debate, and looking at the coverage, I am not sure "that dog will hunt", as American

politicians say. The Tories have certainly raised pertinent questions about whether Labour's proposals to

change the industrial relations laws of the 1980s would restore the unions' earlier privileges, and about the impact of a national minimum wage. The prospect of the public sector unions unchained is not one to stir the heart. These are strong arguments against Labour, but they are hard to press when the unions are on their best behaviour. Following the sharp fall in the number of strikes, and because of the Topower, the public is no longer afraid of the unions. Union leaders used to be daily fixtures on the television news, but now they rarely appear. They are no ionger popular ogres: no one is scared of Norman Willis,

Labour's Tony Blair is proving an elusive target for Michael How-ard. The two barristers have not landed any really punishing blows on each other yet. Mr Blair can argue that Labour would not return to the

that there would be no mass pickets and that there will be ballots before strikes and for union elections. Labour would not try to revive the corpse of Scargillism. Whatever doubts one might have about the fine print, Mr Blair can present any changes to the Tory laws as conferring rights upon the low paid and part-time workers, the right to join a union, and to maternity eave, all of which are common in

the rest of Europe.

All of Ms Howard's skills as an advocate may not stir up public fears. One recent poll showed that fear of Labour giving power to the unions remains one of the biggest obstacles to voting for the party, but other polls show that the

policies have made Labour's task easier. The key is public borrowing. The public sector moved into large surplus in the late. 1980s, sharply reducing the burden of public debt. This has allowed the government to raise borrowing substantially this year to reflect the recession, while indulging in a pre-election boost to spending. This is very different to the recession of the early 1980s, when borrowing was held down. Borrowing in the coming year is likely to be near the limit of 3 per cent of national income, or around £20 billion, under the economic and monetary union guidelines. So John Major's confirmation yesterday that borrowing can be allowed to rise during

unions barely register as among

a recession points to a rise of a few billion pounds after the budget, which would still be below the

European average.
But if such borrowing is regarded as safe and prudent for Norman Lamont, would it not also be safe and prudent for John Smith? Labour leaders are privately relieved that the Tories have raised borrowing, since it provides them with much more leeway. The Tories have said that they will eliminate borrowing over an unspecified period as the economy recovers, while Labour would probably maintain borrowing at current levels. The difference could be very large

ment some of its spending plans. Borrowing to finance a tax cut money that it could use for health and education.

If, by slaying the old dragons and making public borrowing look prudent, the Tories have reduced the apparent risks of voting Labour, they must find another way of highlighting party differences. Since it is Thatcher's children - first time homebuyers and skilled workers in the private sector - who have been hardest hit by the recession, the Conserva-tives have somehow to warn that they would be even worse off under Labour. The Tories have found a rich and far from exhausted mine with their campaign against Labour's tax plans, which has clearly struck home among these people. As today's finding it hard to limit tax

Above all, as Mr Tebbit has suggested, the Tories have to stress the campaign question "Who do you trust with the levers of power?" They have to put the element of risk back into voters' minds. Mr Major provides the reassurance of a safe pair of hands, but seldom much excitement. That gap was filled by Michael Heseltine's rumbustious, outrageous, over-the-top performance in Wednesday's economic debate, with his harangue "We are the governing party and we will stay that way. I have not seen Tory MPs smile and cheer so much for a long time. A few members in marginal seats may have glimpsed a possible



...and moreover

ust how dangerous a little learning is, I have just learned. Earlier today, I received a letter from Elisabeth Bolshaw, editorial director of Hodder & Stoughton, saying that their "Teach Yourself" series, launched 54 years ago, is to be relaunched this April, and that the accompanying fanfaro-nade would be incomplete with-out the plaudits of people willing to attribute their present willing to attribute their present success to their past study of this inestimable self-help library. If I was one such, particularly if I still had the volume on my shelf, would I complete and return to her the following sentence: "I consider my great-est achievement to be..."? This letter has deeply un-

settled me. Not because I am offended at Elisabeth's inference that my life's work gives off an autodidactic niff suggesting I picked up the trick of it at Foyle's for half a crown, but because it so happens that I do have a Teach Yourself book here. I did not remember this, though, until she reminded me. and when her letter jogged me into seeking it out was when my deep unsettlement began. It is unlikely that it will ever end.

The seeking-out took place in the attic, because the volume was not on my shelf, it was in a small box containing the books my father left behind when, in 1988, he embarked upon that journey on which none of us needs to take along something to read. The box was small

mainly of old AA books and such tosh as Reader's Digest felt would improve when shrunk to a would improve when shrunk to a tenth of its size and given away to those who cared as little about good books as about good magazines. Thus, when my old man died, it wasn't need but sentiment that required me to hang on to his books, and as attick are for sentiment to attics are for sentiment not need, that is why they are there. And why, a couple of hours ago, I was, because Elisabeth had made me recall not only the

familiar blue and yellow cover of another book my father owned, but also that I had never even glanced at it to see what it was he had wanted to teach himself. I opened the box. He had wanted to teach himself Davish

I opened the book. A date was pencilled on an endpaper. He had wanted to teach

himself Danish in 1956. I closed the book for a bit. In 1958, my old man had wanted to teach himself Danish. He was 46. I was living away from home, so I did not know he wanted to teach himself Dunish. I know it now, but I did not know why he wanted to. Nor did I know whether my mother knew that be wanted to teach himself Danish, or if she did, whether she knew why, either. Since she, too, is now dead, everything about my father's teaching him-self Danish is anknowable.

But is it unguessable? I opened the book again. Several words and phrases were underbecause my father wasn't a lined in red. They did not Not perhaps my greatest achiev-reader, his library consisted represent a continuum my ement, Elisabeth, but something.

father had dipped and selected. He had, for example, ignored Exercise 9, Den Grimme Aelling, altogether. He did not want to know about ngly ducklings. But he wanted to know about Mols. Mols is where Molbos live. Exercise 26 retails how the Molbos chase stocks. how the Molbos chase storks, the point being, as far as I could work it out, that the Molbos are dimwits. Why would my old man want to know that? And why would he have underlined, elsewhere, such words as smuk and ulykkelig and cykel and det gor mig. ic. why was he storing the ability to say "beautiful" and "unhappy" and "bicycle", and that he was sorry? How could this bizarre lexical jigsaw best be assembled? Had my old man, unbeknown to his family, sneaked off to Deumark, fallen in love with a dim but beautiful Molbo, made her unhappy, felt the need to apologise? Or was he apologising because he had knocked a male Molbo off his beautiful bike while the poor dope was out chasing storks? Or maybe my old man never went to Denmark at all, maybe he had only a mid-life dream of going, of cycling to Mols, finding a beautiful airhead, telling her he was unhappy, apologising for his ignorance of ducklings... I shall never know. I have been able to teach myself nothing of my father. I do, though, now know the Danish for "king" It is "kong". This means that when King Kong is shown there, it is billed as Kong King.

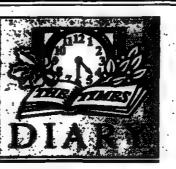
Off with her head

TWO CENTURIES after the French guillotined Marie Antoinette, the entente cordiale with Britain has become strained in a dispute over another royal ead. Plans for a unique joint Anglo-French postage stamp to mark the opening of the Channel tunnel have foundered on French objections to plans for the stamp to bearthe head of Elizabeth II alongside the words "Republique

French postal officials insist that they did not celebrate the bi-centenary of la revolution in order to compromise their republican ideals so shortly afterwards. The British post office is equally determined that no joint stamp can be ssued without the monarch's head. In a classic compromise, the two countries will now produce different versions of the stamp. One will be the work of a Britisl

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designer, the other by a French-man, both chosen in "limited competitions" to find designs which will be "different but related". The post office refuses to



Paris, but Professor Herbert Spen-cer, a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts who was closely involved as a member of the post office's stamp advisory committee, says: "The talks went on for a long time. It wasn't a massive argument about the Queen, but such problems are inevitable. International collaborations always prove difficult." It makes one wonder how they

reached agreement to build the tunnel in the first place - but then that took 200 years.

• Sir Norman Fowler, who is to be the prime minister's minder on John's Jet, the plane which will fly Major around during the election campaign, has let the cat out of the bag. At least so says Charles Kennedy, the president of the Liberal Democrats. Kennedy insists that Fowler told him the election date was fixed for April 9. last Friday when the two men chatted after recording a television show. Fowler insists he said no such thing. The sooner the prime minister announces the date the sooner this silliness can stop. Please.

We had to laugh

THE first book to be offered to the proud new owners of Robert Maxwell's Macdonald publishing house will surely prove irresistible. comment on the designs, the row

Staff are hawking round The Official Robert Maxwell Joke Book. a compendium of irreverent lines dreamt up to relieve the grim uncertainty since the company went

into receivership in January.

Little, Brown, which this week took over the company, should find the offer enticing, since the authors have agreed to waive all royalties and donate them to the pension fund.

Among those who have con-tributed is Carol Smith, formerly Maxwell's own literary agent. Her story is a true one, but illustrates the volume's black humour. "Some years ago I renegotiated a deal with Maxwell's company to increase a £3,000 advance to £150,000," she says. "Minutes later I was summoned to see the chairman, who demanded to know how I had managed to extract so much money out of him. I told him it was sheer blackmail. He asked me to be his agent. He said that I was the only one he

· Clare Short is the latest to suffer from dirty tricks in the run-up to the election. The Labour MP, whom the tabloids love to hate for her campaign against page-three girls, has a deep and shocking secret. Her sister Eileen is a member of Militant. And how do we know this? Not from the capitalist press at all, but from the left-wing magazine, Labour Briefing. The magazine's perverse complaint, by the way, is that Clare is not more like her sister. The revelation comes in a profile of the Lab-our MP endearingly titled "Class Traitor of the Month".

Tambo II

THE first British stage show to transfer to South Africa since the dismanding of apariheid began has auditioned the daughter of

Oliver Tambo for a starring role and turned her down. The Rocky Horror Show will arrive in Cape Town in April with a cast that is overwhelmingly white. The direc-tor. Christopher Malcolm. says: "Sadly we so far have only two blacks out of a cast of 15. This reflects the low number of blacks who auditioned."

Among those who did audition, however, was Tselane Tambo, the ANC chairman's 29-year-old daughter, who studied at drama school in London. "I was tempted to cast Tselane, but didn't because I had to do what was artistically right rather than what was politically opportunist," says Malcolm.
"She was enthusiastic and intelligent, but she was auditioning for the role of Columbia who is a little scatty-brained punk. She was too

pretty for the part."

The ANC gave its blessing to the tour before casting began, and Malcolm's production will now beat Cameron Mackintosh, whose Les Miserables had been expected to be the first West End show to land in Johannesburg. His plans are now being stalled by South Africa's Equity, which wants to impose a quota of blacks in the

 Michael Heseltine's drive to give a lead in matters green has shuddered to a halt in, of all places, the House of Commons. Every scrap of recycled Commons headed paper has been used, and no new supplies can be obtained for at least three weeks. MPs from all parties, anxious to display their environment-friendly credentials by writing to constituents on recycled paper, are furious. "An appalling example for us to set," says Robert Hayward, Tory MP for Kingswood, "I am writing to the House authorities about it." Under the circumstances, that

seems very unsound.

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UNHEALING THE NHS

The news that Labour means to abandon the recent reform of the National Health Service should it come to power is immensely depressing. Reform was clearly needed. The Tory reforms are in the right direction. They are gaining ever wider acceptance within the NHS. Labour was not expected to like all of them, could reasonably be allowed some tinkering, and could even be excused for exaggerating, for electoral purposes, the extent to which it would unpick unpopular Tory changes. But Robin Cook, Labour's The second secon health spokesman, yesterday said he would simply dismantle the reforms that have been battled through by successive Conservative health secretaries.

In the beginning was NHS Mark I, based on the deal struck between the doctors and Aneurin Bevan. This divided up control of the health service between the medical professionals, the health service unions and the politicians. There was scant mention of local democracy, economic efficiency or patients' rights.

The reform William Waldegrave has recently been presiding over is NHS Mark II. This was intended to induce greater efficiency by means of an internal market, as well as push resource rationing more in the direction of general practitioners. By concentrating more attention on GPs as money spenders and hospitals as subcontractors, the reforms hoped to make the NHS more concerned with giving value for money and more responsive to its ultimate customers, the sick. "Control" of the NHS was thus no more democratic, but it was clearly more oriented towards its true market and more likely to be efficient. In this it was

an advance. Mr Cook would have done better to show how he could take Mark II forward to even greater radicalism. There are good things in what he said yesterday. He wants some role for local democracy in the constitution of hospitals and the general practitioner service, notably in appointment to regional and area health authorities. This has always been a Tory blindspot. Mr Cook goes farther than the present government (in its patient's charter) in putting flesh on the bones of consumer rights. He is also sufficiently aware of the drawbacks of Mark I to want "performance agreements" and "service agreements" between different health agencies. These are not so unlike the contracts which are the linking mechanisms in the Tories' internal market, except that with no money attached they will lack any bite.

For the key to Mr Cook's NHS Mark III is the abandonment of the internal market, in order to restore the central planning of hospital resources and remove budgetholding from GPs. He is stripping the NHS of competitive efficiency, both between hospitals and within the budgets of GPs. Add to this his hapless pledges to health authorities and health unions to grant them any "underfunding" they can dream up, and the old evils of NHS Mark I are assured. The defining institution of Mark I was the queue. Low productivity and waste were as much a part of it as carbolic and cream paint. The Mark II version is an attempt to design efficiency back into the system. There is abundant evidence that managers and doctors are making more decisions for themselves, and liking it. Queues are shortening. Value for money is improving. The last thing the NHS wants is another upheaval to take it back to the old days.

Mr Cook's plan appears to be wholly political in motivation: Labour's image on health is so potent that he dare give no quarter to the Tory reforms. Whenever taxed on his proposals he murmurs about better performance and pledges a cash gusher. On that one thing is certain: the Treasury has spent lavishly to ease down the pill of Mr Waldegrave's new health service. If told that Mr Cook will sacrifice the benefits of that pill and yet spend ever more lavishly in the process, it will fight him all the way. Ultimately it will win and patients will suffer.

ISRAEL'S PEACE HAWK

Yitzhak Rabin's victory over Shimon Peres in the contest for leadership of the Israeli Labour party substantially improves the chances of peace in the Middle East. At last Labour can offer a credible alternative to the Likud government of Yhzhak Shamir. Mr Rabin, a shrewd former prime minister, is the only man likely to garner enough support from the right to undermine Mr Shamir's current supremacy in Israeli politics. Only under his leadership could Labour negotiate a peace settlement and sell it to an increasingly polarised electorate.

The chances of peace have risen not cause Mr Rabin is a dove, but because he is a hawk. A former chief of staff during the 1967 war, he straddles the deep divide in Israeli politics between those who suspect all concessions to Arabs and those who yearn for an end to permanent hostility with their neighbours. Israeli voters often internalise this divide: they can be short-term hawks but long-term doves. Mr Peres, who has an honourable record in going the extra mile for peace, is seen as a dove in both the short and the long term. In an Israel where religious nationalists and the far right have been gaining ground, he had become unelectable.

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Mr Rabin cannot so easily be labelled. He was a military hero but a pedestrian successor to Golda Meir as prime minister. As ambassador to the United States he was zealous in promoting what he saw as Israel's interests, antagonising potential friends with clumsy attempts to influence policy. On becoming defence minister in 1984 he was inflexible in administering the occupied territories, reviving punishments such as the destruction of homes of suspected offenders, detention without trial for up to a year and expulsion. He confronted the intifada with an iron fist. "We will suppress this violence," he said. "Any means at the army's disposal in compliance with army order is fit if it serves the purpose." His policy of "might, power and beatings" brought home the brutality of occupation to the Palestinians and the outside world. At home it reflected intransigence in the face of violence and won confidence on the right.

Mr Rabin's own long-term views on Israel's boundaries are unclear. As defence minister in the grand coalition, he drew up plans for self-rule for the Palestinians. He does not have the fundamentalist attachment to Greater Israel that makes Mr Shamir and his right-wing allies unable to contemplate relinquishing any occupied land. But he is unlikely to make unilateral gestures. He is a hard man.

The hope now for Labour is that the long internecine quarrel with Mr Peres can be ended. Mr Peres suffered from a reputation for intrigue and untrustworthiness. Mr Rabin, although forced to resign his premiership after charges that his wife held an illegal bank account in America, is seen by contrast as dour, cautious and reliable. Mr Peres has pledged support and Mr Rabin says that he will now devote his energy to turning Mr Shamir out of office in June.

It will be a battle of old men. Mr Shamir is 76. Mr Rabin almost 70. But it will be a battle for the young, and especially the new, vote. Thousands of immigrant Soviet Jews will vote for the first time. They are secular in outlook, anti-socialist by conviction and ambitious to find jobs and security. Mr Rabin can argue that he will not make deals with the religious parties, that he has little connection with Labour's old trade union socialism, and that Mr Shamir is to blame for the immigrants' lack of houses and jobs. If he can win all the new voters as well as recapturing the hawks who defected to Likud, he might break the paralysis that proportional representation has visited on Israeli politics. A Labour government would then be free to make peace at talks that have as yet gone nowhere.

HISTORIANS AT WAR

The 17th century, once the battleground of royalists and parliamentarians, has become the centre of a fierce high table row between academics on both sides of the Atlantic. The focal point is Cambridge, where allegations of professional misconduct are severely souring the claret.

John Adamson, a fellow of Peterhouse, has found himself at loggerheads with Mark Kishlansky, professor of history at Harvard, over the reading of key documents from the English civil war. In a 75-page assault, Professor Kishlansky accused Dr Adamson of manipulating evidence about the 17th-century nobility. Dr Adamson's defenders challenge Professor Kishlansky's own use of archival sources. Lord Russell even alleges "malice rather than concern for scholarship". It was clear, Lord Russell maintains, that "Kishlansky was doing all the sorts of things he was accusing Adamson of." The Kishlansky camp replies that Dr Adamson's work is full of "serious and tendentious

At stake in all this is Dr Adamson's reelection at Peterhouse, which is considered now to be in some doubt. An interim vote at the college last Monday went against him. though he is widely regarded by his supporters as one of the coming men of 17thcentury history. Copies of articles criticising Adamson were handed out before Monday's vote. Dr Adamson himself says most of Professor Kishlansky's criticisms depend on "misreadings of primary sources or misunderstandings of parliamentary procedures". But he admits that in some cases more than

one way of reading a document is viable. Behind the dispute about the civil war is a deeper (and older) quarrel about historical method, essentially whether a historian should start with facts or with theory. Dr Adamson's thesis, based on archive research. is that the revolution of the 17th century was a continuation of the baronial feuding of the Middle Ages, a resumption, so to speak, of the Wars of the Roses. This version is rooted, Dr Adamson claims, on contemporary evidence, but is at odds with the more traditional view of the civil war, that it was a clash of ideologies: the importance of liberty and law to the property-owner class, the rise of the gentry, Puritanism and anti-popery, the rights of Parliament against the crown, even the ideas of Levellers and Diggers.

The dispute began in the Historical Journal and the Journal of British Studies and has now spilt into The Times Literary Supplement. Interventions have come over the past three weeks from a pantheon of historians, including Lords Dacre and Russell. The row is consuming senior common rooms as intensely as did the famous quarrel 11 years ago over the views of the "structuralist" English lecturer, Colin McCabe.

Should Dr Adamson lose his Peterhouse fellowship, his allies are mooting an appeal to the college Visitor. Dr Stephen Sykes. Bishop of Ely, a former Cambridge divinity don. But such an appeal could lead to a state of open war in Cambridge. Thus the truth or otherwise of a particular interpretation of history is starting to turn on the lobbying skills of rival teams of academic politicians. Eventual victory will depend on which faction commands the greatest commonroom clout. It is an odd way of arriving at the truth. But as the warriors in this academic civil war know better than most, its history will be written, like all history, by the winner.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Arts Council must Public image of lawyers examined keep funding role

From Sir lan Hunter

Sir, I was alarmed to hear the minister for the arts, Timothy Renton, propound his idea for direct government funding for our major arts companies and the newly set up regional arts associations, at a seminar held at the Royal Society of the

Arts on February 17.

The Arts Council, he implied, would be "kicked upstairs" and take on an advisory role. Those of us who have lived with the "arm's length" principle of funding through the Arts Council for over 40 years and seen the way it has worked must deplore the minister and his mandarins taking direct responsibility for dis-

The Arts Council may not be perfect but it has assembled a group of officers who are closer to the arts than the civil servants of Whitehall and certainly more experienced than the transient ministers who control them. Keynes, in setting up the Arts Council, knew what he was doing.
It seems to me intolerable that we

should sit by and watch the Arts Council being shorn of its executive powers, and direct government fund-

ing put into its place.

If we allow the minister's proposals
to go forward a ministry of culture, with its bureaucracy and potential political interferences, could be just around the corner.

Yours faithfully. IAN HUNTER 48 Hyde Park Gate, SW7 February 19.

Art for export From Sir Hugh Leggatt

Sir, It is widely believed that the minister for the arts, Mr Tim Renton, is empowered to ban the export of certain works of art without compensation.

However the reality is that the decision is not his but that of Mr Peter Lilley, the secretary of state for trade and industry. To date Mr Lilley has remained silent on this issue; his views would be most welcome as a matter of urgency not least to many of us in the London art trade.

Yours faithfully, HUGH LEGGATT, Leggatt Brothers, 17 Duke Street, St James's, SW1. February 18.

European flag From Dr A. W. F. Edwards

Sir, The twelve star European flag. (letters, February 3, 14) will offend no one (except devotees of the decimal system), but its design is hardly appropriate for a grouping of European states. None of the countries involved has a star in its flag; a symbol which is distinctly non-European Algeria, Australia, Brazil, Chile, China, Cuba, and on through the alphabet to the USA and Venezuela, but not Europe. Indeed, the natural conclusion on comparing the flag with others is that it is probably an American state flag (Indiana and Alaska both have gold stars on a blue

The dominant patterns on European flags are the cross and (since the French revolution) the tricolour. The Community should hold a competition for a new design, which needs to be a bold reflection of the European heraldic tradition rather than the draft of an EC directive for a twelve-wire Europlug.

Yours faithfully, A. W. F. EDWARDS, Gonville and Caius College, February 17.

Blame for Glencoe From the Secretary of the Jacobite Society

Sir, I am glad to see Sir David Hunt's letter (February 19) quite rightly reminding us that the Edinburgh government was still in power during the slaughter at Glencoe. I feel that I must, however, correct

a quite frequent English mistake when referring to Scottish history. There has never been, and could never be, a "King of Scotland", as Sir David sees fit to name William of Orange. If we yield him any such title then it must be King of Scots. The distinction, whilst being difficult for English historians to grasp, is not lost in the country of its origin.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant, CRAIG R. BUCHANAN, Secretary. The Jacobite Society. 53 Eccleston Square, SW1. February 19.

Advertising tobacco From Mr T. C. H. King

Sir, Winston Fletcher argues ("Ifs, butts and Brussels", February 13) that banning tobacco advertising does not work. The British government seems to understand this, yet Brussels does not nor do those supporting a ban. The conclusion reached by many studies of mature markets is that banning advertising does not reduce consumption.

Those supporting a ban find this factor inconvenient to their proposition. It would improve the constructive nature of the debate if the distinction between a mature market and an immature market

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a professional offence under the Bar From Dr Peter Gray code to treat anyone unfairly on grounds of ethnic origin, sex or

religious belief.

portant committees.

3. Governing the Bar: Women are in

the position of chairman or vice-

chairman of nine out of 16 im-

4. Fees: There is no feeling at the Bar

that fees cannot be negotiated. Legal-

aid fees are imposed upon us. Private fees are negotiated every day of the

5. Alternatives to litigation: The Bar

took the lead in pressing for alternative methods of dispute resolution,

Lord Justice Beldam agreed to chair

a committee and produced a prompt

report last year, at the request of the

6. Complaints: Our system is among

the most draconian. Penalties (in-

cluding fines, suspension, reprimand and disbarment) are regu-

larly imposed. The Legal Services

Ombudsman has a keen and wel-

come interest in our complaints

procedures and is entitled to, and does, supervise individual com-

plaints. No complaint against a

barrister can be dismissed without

the agreement of the lay member.

who is present to represent the non-professional public interest.

7. Law reform: Our response to the

Royal Commission on Criminal Jus-

tice goes back to first principles. It

offers a radical scrutiny of the

But there is much more to be done.

We must seriously question whether

a Rolls-Royce service is either gen-

erally necessary or affordable, if

many of the consumers would prefer

destination promptly, cheaply and

situation have far too often been

It is clear, however, from the words

attributed to the new leader of Hezbollah Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah

— viz, "our struggle . . . is a struggle of existence. It is either us or them

and we can never co-exist together

(report, February 18) — that there is

no room for compromise: the "declaration of war", allied to the

calls for martyrdom, quite clearly

shows that the terrorist opponents of

Israel are prepared to stop at nothing to meet their ends. The actions of the

IRA show that their intentions are

I conclude that it is the duty of a

state to ensure that its opponents' blood is shed quicker than that of its

Sir, You are right, Sir, to note

parallels in the two terrorist-afflicted

situations of Israel and the UK and

no amount of fastidious, self-right-

eous analysis of the detail, as in Lord

Mayhew's letter (February 19), will

obscure them. Those two states live

daily with the fear and the challenge

of terrorism, which, in both cases,

erupts as the modern manifestation

If these essentially internecine

of deep-seated, historical problems.

struggles are to be resolved in our

lifetime, the states concerned will

have to show many qualities,

amongst them tenacity, restraint and good will. Mutual understanding

between those with parallel experi-

ences might also be helpful.

Yours faithfully.

H. D. EPSTEIN.

own citizens and armies.

Yours faithfully, STEPHEN ALTER,

16 Longwood Gardens, Clayhall, Ilford, Essex.

From Mr H. D. Epstein

bus which got them to their

present creaking system.

Yours faithfully.
GARETH WILLIAMS.

Chairman, The General

3 Bedford Row, WC1.

Council of the Bar.

February 17.

glossed over.

efficiently.

Sir, As a medical practitioner training to be a barrister, I can compare the complaints procedures used by doctors and lawyers. I agree with your leader-writer ("Lawyers in para-dise", February 17) that reform of the latter is urgently required.

The General Medical Council holds its disciplinary hearings in public, and its proceedings are frequently reported in the press. By contrast, disciplinary tribunals for solicitors and barristers are almost invariably held in private, and not even the aggrieved complainant has a right to attend.

How can the public have confidence in the self-regulation of these professions if they do not know what

Yours sincerely PETER GRAY. Flat 5, 9 Hendon Avenue, February 18.

From the Chairman of the Bar

Sir. Your leading article was fair, though not uncritical. Lawyers spend their entire lives questioning other people and their practices. It is right that they should do the same to

1. Admission: Unfairness to women, ethnic minorities and, to a lesser extent, to those from unfashionable universities or polytechnics is endemic in our country. The entry to the Bar course in 1992 is: women, 42 per cent; ethnic minorities, 17 per cent: universities and polytechnics, 75.4 per cent: Oxford and Cam-bridge, 17.9 per cent. Not perfect. but not bad.

2. After admission: We have a race relations committee and a sex discrimination committee. We have employed a highly qualified consultant to advise us on proper structures and practices to ensure fairness. It is

Ulster and Israel

From Mr David Trimble, MP for Upper Bann (Ulster Unionist Party) Sir, Your editorial (February 18) comparing recent deaths in Ulster and the Lebanon reflects a widespread misunderstanding on the law relating to the use of force by members of the security forces, a misunderstanding so important that it vitiates your argument.

The law, and it is the same both in Northern Ireland and in England, does not limit the use of potentially lethal force, as you suggest, to self-defence. The law authorises the use of "such force as is reasonable in the circumstances in the prevention of crime, or in affecting or assisting in the lawful arrest of offenders or suspected offenders ..." (Criminal Law Act (NI) 1967). There is judicial support for regarding the phrase "reasonable in the circumstances" as including the tests of "necessity" and "proportionality", but all these tests have to be judged against the background of the duty of the security forces to apprehend the wrongdoer.

It would be a breach of that duty to let terrorists escape simply because trying to intercept and arrest them might result in a firefight like that in Coalisland the other night. The police and army, like the posse, must get their man, and they must get him alive, if possible, and dead, if necessary.

Sincerely. DAVID TRIMBLE.

House of Commons.

From Mr Stephen Alter Sir, I congratulate your leader writer for his courage in equating Britain's struggle against the IRA with Israel's struggle against its own terrorist opponents. The similarities in the

Sir, Mr Colchester (letter, February

farmers, in particular, are now getting some 9 per cent less for their

finished animals than in 1989, while

costs have risen over the same period

by some 17 per cent. It also seems

that prices in 1992 will be even lower

Under these circumstances -

which were starkly highlighted only

last week in a detailed report by

Exeter University - it is not surpris-

ing that farmers are going out of

business in ever-increasing numbers.

nor that they detest the common

agricultural policy as much as Mr

Mature markets are characterised

by widely distributed products,

known to their potential purchasers

for a considerable time, and avail-

able at an affordable price. Such is

the market for tobacco, and alcohol,

newspapers and many other product

In these markets, the total market

size tends to remain static, even

sometimes showing a decline, except

in cases where a product or a price

changes significantly. Competition is

enhanced by the opportunities that

advertising brings, and advertisers manoeuvre to build brand loyalties,

and to attract purchasers away from

In immature markets, such as

home computers, total market size

will often show increases as more

people become aware of the prod-

ucts, as they become more widely

other manufacturers.

than in 1991.

Colchester does.

were to be understood.

14) is less than fair to farmers. Beef

I Great Cumberland Place, W1. Threat to farmers From Sir John Acland

Insult is further added to injury when the farmer sees that the price of beef to the consumer, from supermarket and butcher, is substantially higher now than it was one, two or three years ago. The producer at one end and the consumer at the other

And so we come to Mr Gummer who, as minister for food and agriculture, is presumably supposed to concern himself with the interests of both consumer and producer in this country. As things are, he and the government are most dismally failing both.

both suffer while, somewhere in the

middle, fat profits are being made.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN ACLAND, Feniton Court, Honiton, Devon. February 16.

decreases with technological advances. It is in such situations that brand advertising can be expected to play a significant role in increasing market size.

available, and often as the price

As far as the EC is concerned, it seems odd that an institution that purports to represent the very essence of competition is proposing a ban which will stultify this by blocking marketing freedoms in the manner proposed.

The British government, and the other free-market EC members, should be very careful not to allow this to happen.

Yours faithfully, T. C. H. KINĞ, The Old Cottage, Blacknest Road, Sunningdale, Berkshire.

February 14.

Business letters, page 23

Tory link with Euro-brothers

From Mr Christopher Graffius

Sir. To qualify your report. "New deal marries Tories to Europe" (February 19), I should stress that there has been no "announcement of an alliance between the Conservative party and the Christian Democrats". A meeting of Christian Democrat heads of government and party leaders, held in Brussels on February 14, recommended that discussion should continue on a "working arrangement". It would be subject to the agreement of the Christian Democrat MEPs.

Dr Wilfried Martens, president of the Christian Democrat European People's party, who chaired the meeting, gave a press conference immediately afterwards and a state-

ment was issued on February 17. The meeting did not resolve difficulties over federalism and the social charter. It specifically criticised Mr John Major for having "taken a negative position at Maastricht concerning European political union, and more particularly concerning the social charter". Moreover the Christian Democrats understood that the Conservative MEPs, who have long been semi-detached from the British Tories on Europe, would seek to influence their own party towards the Christian Democrat position.

Mr Arie Oostlander, a Dutch Christian Democrat MEP who par-ticipated in the negotiations, speak-ing at a meeting at Up Holland. Lancashire, on January 4, said that members from all British political parties who shared a "Christianinspired vision of man and society' would be at home among Christian Democrats in Europe. While speaking highly of individual MPs and MEPs he criticised the British Conservatives as pragmatists and in

some areas "socially regressive". The February 17 statement, in my view, holds out little promise of an eventual union. Instead it proposes a possible prolonging or development of a working relationship after the end of the current European Parliament in 1994 based on experience and agreement on the forthcoming Christian Democrat Euro-election

manifesto. As the last manifesto advocated a federal union, monetary union, the social charter, pro-life policies and keeping Sunday special, it seems un-likely to me that this courtship by the British Tories will be consummated.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER GRAFFIUS (General Secretary, Movement for Christian 31 Terrace Road, E9. February 19.

Church 'superiority' From His Honour Judge Sheerin

Sir. The understandable desire for an outbreak of good behaviour between lay persons, parsons, priests, and prelates (letters, February 7, 13) should not be used to disguise differences of belief. When and where there is no distinction to be drawn between Anglicans and Catholics there can be no excuse for such division or claim of exclusiveness. Equally if there is division it ought to be explained, once again, to the laity at least, why those divisions continue It should not be a question of

loyalty, superiority or even deference but of faith, piety and humility. These last three seem to be in short supply.

Yours truly, JOHN SHEERIN, Kingshall Farmhouse, Rougham, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

Lost for words From Lady Hayhoe

Sir. Mr Levin's piece on Monday ("The electronic peacemaker") and Mr Lyndon's today ("A user's guide to manual illiteracy", Life & Times) concerning the inability of so many of us to understand owners' manuals prompt me to suggest that we should all be so much more capable if this impossible verbiage was replaced by a short demonstration video. I suppose the current necessity would be a video to show us how to use our video

Yours faithfully ANNE HAYHOE, 20 Wool Road, SW20. February 18.

Brilliance matures

From Mr Raymond W. Lipton

Sir, Philip Howard, in writing on Mick Jagger's impending new role as grandfather ("Grand old man", February 18), suggests that "those who make their names as bolshie or brilliant youths should die young".

I suggest that he pops down to the Albert Hall this week and repeats that to the predominantly greyhaired audience, who, in a geriatric rush, pounced on the booking office, causing it to sell out within hours of opening, just for the chance to listen to one such brilliant youth, Eric Clapton. Now a grand old man of

music, he remains brilliant. Clapton, McCartney, Jagger & Co are not living on their reputations. It is not their youth but their talent that keeps them at the top of their profession.

Yours truly, R. LIPTON. Caudell Green Farm, Carbrooke, Thetford, Norfolk.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 20: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were repre-sented by the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, KT, at the funeral of the Earl of Southesk, which was held at Kinnaird Castle, Brechin,

The Prince Edward this morning visited the Metropolitan Police Special Escort Group at Barnes Garage, London SW 13. Mrs Richard Warburton was in

CLARENCE HOUSE February 20: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was repre-sented by the Earl of Dalhousie, KT, at the Funeral of the Earl of Southesk which was held at

Kinnaird Castle, Brechin, this afternoon.

KENSINGTON PALACE RENSINGTION FALCE
February 20: The Princess of
Wales today visited Swansea and
was received by Her Majesty's
Lord-Lieutenant for West Glamorgan (Lieutenant Colonel Sir Michael Llewellyn, Bt). Her Royal Highness this morning visited Ty Hapus, 378 Gower

Road, Killay.
The Princess of Wales sub-sequently visited the Welsh Rugby Team's training session at St Helen's Rugby Ground.
Finally Her Royal Highness visited the Breast Test Wales Centre at Alexandra Road.
Wing Commander David Barton, RAF, was in attendance.

UCS Old Boys Clab
Mr G.B. Brown, President of the
UCS Old Boys (Old Gowers)
Club, presided at the annual
dinner held last night at University College School, Mr G.D.
Slaughter, headmaster, and Mr
B.E. Paragae, Headmaster of St.

P.F. Ramage, Headmaster of St John's School, Northwood, were

the principal guests and speakers

Royal Army Pay Corps
The Farewell Dinner of the Royal

Army Pay Corps was held in the Headquarter Mess at Worthy Down last night. Those present included General Sir John Stibbon, Colonel Commandant, Maire General St. Pay.

Major General P.S. Bray, Pay-master-in-Chief, and 177 serving and retired officers, Major Gen-

eral B.M. Bowen, Representative Colonel Commandant, presided.

Training Corps
The Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel G.F. Wheeler,

RTR, and 43 officers held an investiture Dinner on February

20, for their Deputy Honorary Colonel. Professor R.R.R. Tilleard-Cole. BM. BCh. FRCPsych. DPM. at the Officers' Mess in Yeomany House.

Service dinners

Dinners

European-Atlantic Group Dr Arnold Koller was the guest of bramoid couler was the guest-honour at a dinner of the Euro-pean-Atlantic Group held last night at the St James's Court Hotel after he addressed a meeting of the group at the House of commons, by couriesy of Sir Antony Buck, QC. MP, a vice-chairman. Viscount Montgomery of Alamein. a joint chairman, and Sir John Hannam, MP, also spoke. Lord Rippon of Hexham, QC, a joint chairman, presided at inner and the Earl of Limerick also spoke. Among those present at the dinner were:

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The Ambassadors of Norway, Swinerland. Luxembourg and Swiden and
other members of the Diplomate
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representable from the Department of
Trade and Industry and the Foreign
and Commonwealth Office.

Lord Richard, QC, was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Association of Consulting Engineers held last night at the London Hilton on Park Lane. Mr Peter Campbell, chairman, pre-sided and Sir Andrew Derbyshire

Westminster School

The Head Master of Westminster The Head Masser of Westminster School held a Reception in Ashburnham House yesterday after the Henry Tizard Memorial Lecture given by Professor John Albery, FRS, Masser of University College, Oxford. The Chairman was Professor Peter Richards, MA, MD, PhD, FRCP, Dean of St Mary's Hospital Medical School, and among the guests were representatives from a number of schools and other educational and scientific

Funeral

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine and Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother by the Earl of Dalhousie at the private funeral of the Earl of Southesk, KCVO, held yesterday at Kinnaird Castle. The Rev Dr Michael Bunce and the Rev Isin Douglas officiated.

A memoriai service will take place at \$t Andrew's Episcopal Church, Brechin at 2.30 on Friday, March 27, 1992.



John Stalker, former deputy chief constable of Greater Manchester, is given a helping hand with his mortar-board by Christopher Price, director of Leeds Polytechnic, before he received an honorary fellowship from the polytechnic yesterday. Ellery Hanley, the Leeds and Great Britain rugby league player, was also awarded an honorary fellowship

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Karl Czerny, pianist and composer, Vienna, 1791; John Henry Newman, cardinal, London, 1801; Léo Delibes, com-poser, St German du Val, 1836; August von Wasserman, bacteriologist, Bamberg, Germany, 1866; Constantin Brancusi, sculptor, Hobita, Romania, 1876; George Lansbury, leader of the Labour Party 1931-35, near Lowestoft, 1859; Bernard William Griffin, cardinal, Archbishop of Westminster 1943-56, Birmingham, 1899; W.H. Auden, poet, York, 1907. den, poet, York, 1907.

DEATHS: Robert Southwell, Jesuit and poet, executed, London, 1595; Baruch Spinoza, philosopher, The Hagus, 1677; Jethro Tull, agricultural writer, Hungerford, Berishire, 1741;

John Charles Rossi, sculptor, London, 1839; Sir Frederick Banting, physiologist, Nobel iaureate 1923, killed in an air crash, Newfoundland, 1941; Malcoim Linie (Malcoim X), American Muslim leader, mur-dered, New York, 1965; Howard Florey, Baron Florey, pathologist. 1968; Mikhail Sholokhov, nov-elist, Vishenskaya, Russia, 1984.

Memorial service

Mr Cyril Sweett The Lord Mayor was represented by Sir Robin Gillett at a memorial service for Mr Cyril Sweett held yesterday at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall. The Rev David Burgess offici-

and, assisted by the Rev Graham Blacktop, Honorary Chaplain of the Painter-Stainers' Company, Mr Carl Fisher, Master, and Mr James Head, grandson, read the lessons and Mr Geoffrey R. Browne gave an address. Among others present were:
Mr and Mrs Faul Lee goot-to-law and daughter). Dr Josephine Head, Miss Samantha Scot and Mrs James House (granddanghless), Miss Winnis Book

Reception

Baroness Phillips was host at a reception held yesterday at the House of Lords for the presenta-tion of the British Safety Council's Diplomas in Safety Management and Associateships of the Faculty

of Risk Management. RAF Chaptains
Mgr Tony Harris, Principal RC
Chaplain, presided at the annual
dinner of the RAF Chaplains
branch (Roman Catholic) held
last night at the Marie
Reparerrice Conference Centre,
Wimbledon. The Right Rev Francis
Walmsley, RC Bishop of the
Forces, was the guest of honour.

The Royal Horticultural

Society Mr Robin Herbert has been re-elected President and Mr Martin Slocock has been elected Trea-surer. Mr Paul Ingwersen has been elected to the Council of the Royal Horrichinnal Society. Lady Skelmersdale and Mr John Blanchard have been re-elected to the Council.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.I.D. Agnew
and Mins S.K. Newman
The engagement is announced
between James, only son of Mr Rudolph Agnew and the Hon

ASADOUR GUZELIAN

Mrs Clare Agnew, of London, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Newman, of Frensham, Surrey. Mr I. Baker and Miss J.H. Hart Mr and Mrs Bernard Hart, of

Stoford, Salisbury, are pleased to announce the engagement of their second daughter Juliet Helen to Ian, eider son of Mr and Mrs Mervyn Baker, of Salisbury.

Mr J.E. Bark and Miss V.M. Hannon

The engagement is announced between Jaspre, son of Mr and Mrs Roy Bark, of Station Road. Dalton-in-Furness, and Veronica. younger daughter of Mr Peter and Lady Flona Hannon, of Dundooan, Coleraine, Northern Ireland.

Mr S.N. Berkson

and Miss S.C. Price The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Adrienne and Philip Berkson, of Birkenhead, Merseyside, and Siån, daughter of Brenda and Tom Price, of Begelly, Dyfed.

Mr A.M. Honds and Miss P.S. Mitchell Mr and Mrs G.W. Mitchell, of

Hong Kong and Bexhill, announce the engagement of their daughter, Paula Susan, to Adrian Mark, son of Mr and Mrs J.D. Bonds, of South Yorkshire. The marriage will take place in England in July. Mr M.A. Coke

and Mice J.M. Wrin The engagement is announced between Mark Andrew, only son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Coker, of Rodborough Common, Gloucestershire, and Johanne Margaret, only daughter of the late Mr Don Wrin and of Mrs Paddy Wrin, of Chislehurst, Kent.

Mr A.N. Cousins and Mins D.A. Boots The engagement is announced between Torty, son of Mr and Mrs J. Cousins, of Airesford. Hampshire, and Deborah Anne,

daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Booth, of Hampton, Middlesex. Mr P.A. Crastield and Miss J.G.A. Donohue The forthcoming marriage is announced between Peter

Anthony, younger son of Mrs Waltraut and the late Henry Cranfield, of Swindon, Wiltshire. and Jennifer, youngest daughter of Me and Mrs William Donohue, of Mariborough, Wilmhire.

Mr M.G. Exicy and Miss H.M. Oakes The engagement is announced between Mark Geoffrey, younger son of Mr, and Mrs B.J. Exley, of Meltham, Huddersfield; Yorkshire, and Helen Margaret. daughter of Mr and Mrs T.G. Oakes, of Hilldale, Parbold, Lancashire.

and Mrs I.L. Ellion The engagement is announced between Shunzo Fukushima, of Tokyo, Japan, and Ida Elliott, of Lantau Island, Hong Kong. The marriage will take place in August

Mr T.M. Hedley and Miss A.M.C. Byatt The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs Maurice Hedley, of Kennacraig, Tarbert, Argyll, and Annie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Byan, of Lochgilphead. Argyll.

Mr J.D.B. Marjoribanks and Miss J.D.T. Le Patourel

The engagement is announced between James, younger son of Mr and Mrs J. Marjoribanks, of Guernsey, Cl. and Julia, younger daughter of Mrs H.W. Le Patourel and the late Brigadier H.W. Le Patourel, VC, of Guernsey, Cl.

Mr P.G. Merrylees and Miss C.L. Radmore The engagement is announced between Peter, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Gavin Merrylees, of Pitstone, Buckinghamshire, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs Courtenay Radmore, of Stafford, Staffordshire.

Mr J.G. Pickles

The engagement is announced between John George Pickles, of Formby, Merseyside, and Todi. Italy, elder son of the lare Mr W. Pickles and Mrs K. Pickles, and Ann McTavish, of Fulwood Park, Liverpool, elder daughter of the late Mr A. Cookson and Mrs M.

Cookson Mr J.M. Riley and Miss A.M. Wright The engagement is announced between Martin, son of the late

Rev Lambert and Mrs Riley. of Brill, Buckinghamshire, and Angela, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Wright, of Brightwell Park, Brightwell Baldwin, Oxfordshire.

Mr G.M. Trimm and Miss N.C. Webb

The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, only son of Mr and Mrs Leonard Trimm, of Holmbury St Mary, Surrey, and Nathalle Claire, youngest daughter of Mr, and Mrs Michael Webb. 6 Your

Mr D.R. Wilson and Miss H.J. Basel The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs K.B. Wilson, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, and Heidi. daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Busel. of Rozel, Jersey. Channel Islands.

Fan Makers' Company

BIRTHS BLANNING - On February 16th, in Grenoble, France, to Isabelle tree Net and David, a son, James Oliver Robert. NOOKER - On February Srd. to Elleen (per Fraher) and David, a daughter, Christine Niorgarel, a sister for Susan.

brother for Edward.
HEGGIE - On Monday
February 17th 1992, to
Nicholas and Elizabeth
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MENLEY - On February 15th. to Nigel and Anne (nee Bradie), a daughter, Joanna

JONES - On February 17th, at 31 Mary's Hospital, Paddington, to Caroline mee Marshall and Ron, a daughter, Catherine Etizabeth. LOWE - On February 12th, to Julie thee Leeset and Stephen a son John 10 Miles

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GROMPTON On February
17th. 1992, peacefully al
York District Hospital after a
short illness. Air Commodore
Roy Haitley Compton OBE.
BA. MBINL HAF retired.
Beloved husband of Rita and
greatly missed Father of
Sherda and David Funeral
service al All Hallows Parish
Church. Sutton-on-the
Forest, York. on Monday
February 24th at 2.15pm
Followed by private
cremation at York Family
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York Donations in Neu may
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Benevolent Fund. Royal
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Appeal A plate for this will
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D'ABBANS - On February
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home, william Funeral
private Memorial Service to
be announced later.

BINDLEY - On February 19th, John Joseph.

19th, suddenly, aged 72, Joanna Steesy. Seleved state of John and Henther, Funeral Service at The Driving Crematorium, Sear Practitioner, Much loved husband of Jame and English on, on Friday February 28th at 1 pm, Floral tributer and engulries to Arthur Denyer. 18/19 Lewes Road, Brighton, on Friday February 17th, after a long times bravely endured. Gwen, in her 98th year, at her home in Harisston, Norfolk. Cared for hy Elizabeth and Sunday of the Annunciation, Bingham Boad, Croydon, 11 am, Monday February 26th at Out Lady of the Annunciation, Bingham Boad, Croydon, 11 am, Monday February 26th, Family Petruary 26th, Family Petruary 26th at Continuous Petruary 26th at Continuous Petruary 26th at Continuous Petruary 26th Statesphere Mospice, Controllers of Control Control and Control Cont

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Monday March 2nd at The
Church of S. John the
Baptist, Stone, Bucks, Family
flowers only to the Church.

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FERNS - On February 19th, suddenly in hospital, Henry Stanies, Professor Emeritus of Birmizgham University. Most beloved hisband of Maureen, dearest father of John, Pal, Christopher and Eleanor and father-in law of Gill. Jerry and David, Addered grandfather of Tom, Elizabeth, Carotyn, Andrew. Katherine. Mark. Christopher, Charlotte and Grare. Funeral at Edgoaston Old Church on Wednesday February 26th at 1.45 pm, followed by cremation at 2.30 pm Family flowers only picease, donations if desired to British Diabetic Association. C/o tan Hazel Funerals. 5 Belwell Lame, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield B74 4AA.

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COOPER - On February 20th,
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1001: 935-0177.

CORRIGAN - On February
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SMITH - On February 18th
1992. Philip Henry, in his
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and Geofrey, father-in-law of
Bobble, formerly of Moiben,
Kenya and Lailerly of
Carsethorn, Dumfriesshire
Service at Kiricbean Parish
Church on Monday
February 24th at 10.30 am.
No flowers please but
donations if desired to
Cancer Research per Mr
C.M. Jeffrey, Roy at Bank of
Sculland. Whitesands,
Dumfries.

MORDAUNT-SMITH - On Fabruary 18th, Michael MORDAUNT-SMITH On February 18th. Michael Cotterell Geoffrey Dax to suddenly at his home aged 64 years, he was much losed and will be sadly missed by his sons Michael and Damlan, their molher Diana, his sister Olwen and brother in-law Hugh Funeral Service at St Mary's Church. The Green, Datchet, Berle., at 230 ptm. Thursday February 27th.

RODGER - On February 14th 1992, peacefully in the pentle care of Tremballs Nursing Home, Leichworth, Winifred some Fallers), widow of T.W.

(Bill) Rodger of Barnet and Worthing, and mother of Tony and Nan and the late Lister, loving grandmother and great-grandmother. She will be execute minuted.

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Service to be held at
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Kent. Donations, if desired.
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Northwich tel: (0606) 42534.

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Colonel Richard (Dick) Sage
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Family flowers only please
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The Wool Medical Trust c/o
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Princes Street, Dorchester.
Dorsel. DT1 1TW. tel (0306)
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STILEMAN - On February
19th. Monica Blanchflower
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Engineers Much loved
mother and grandmother.
Funeral Service and burial at
Ham Parish Church on
Friday February 28th at
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SYKES - On February 19th

SYRING - On February Mail, peacefully at home, Nancy Maile, much loved mother and grandmother Fillion Service at St Mary the Virgin, Fawley, near Henley-on-Thames, on Wednesday February 26th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only.

DEATHS VALENTIME-HAMART - On February 19th 1992. Mond. at Si Joha's Nursing Home. Rownhamston. House by Beryl. Martis, Jessie and all the families and many friends. No flowers by request, doubtions if desired to Muscular Dystrophy Organisation c/o Bestons Funeral Directors. 36 Bridge Road. Woolston, Southampton, 16th 446406. Funeral Service. West Chapet. Southampton Crematorium. Friday February 28th at 12.15 pm.

15th 1992 suddenly st. home. Charles Semand John, aged 42 years. Funeral Service at St. Nicholas Church. Arundel. today Friday February 21st at 11.18 am. Family flowers only. but donations for Decisham School may be sent c/o and all enquiries to F.A. Holland & Son. Terminus Road. Littlehampion. tel: (0903) 713939.

(Vasculitis).

RODGENS - On February 18th 1952, Barbara Nort rodgers, of Creal Budworth, Cheshire, wife of the late Brian and much loved states of Enild, May, Deen and Trisha, Funeral Service at Creat Budworth Parish Church on Tuesday February 25th at 10 30 am. Family Rowers only please. Donations, if desired, 10 Family Welfare Assn., 274 Deansgale, Manchester 5, Enquiries to George Bell Funeral Service, 49 Birches Lane, Lostock Green, Northwich let; 106004 42534.

WIGGIN - On Friday February 14th 1992, Eveline Ruth Kay of Tenbury Wells, formerly of Cranleigh, Surrey, widow of Maurice, peacefully in Kidderminster General Hospital, aged 79 years. Funeral Service at Tenbury Methodist Church on Wednesday February 26th at 11 am. followed by cremation at Worrester Grematorium at 12 30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations for Tenbury Methodist Church Fabric Fund. Enquiries to A.H. Caldicott and Sons Funeral directors. Tenbury Wells, tel: (0584) 810281.

PRIVATE HARGREAVES - Ruslyn H. Sadiy missed. always remembered. CKR and Daniel.

IN MEMORIAM -

LEGAL NOTICES

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OBITUARIES

ROBERT GITTINGS

Robert Gittings, CBE, literary critic, poet and biographer of Keats and Thomas Hardy, died on February 18 at his home in Chichester aged 81. He was born in Southsea on February 1, 1911.

ROBERT Gittings was best known for his contributions to Keats scholarship. His biography of the poet is wrote many other books, especially a pioneering biography (in the sense, at least, that it offered us a more unsparing scrutiny of its subject's personal life than had to that point appeared) of Thomas Hardy. And he was a distinguished minor poet.

His father was a naval surgeon whose life at that time consisted of two-year spells of duty, so the young Gittings saw the life of many ports, Plymouth and Rosyth among them. A painful spinal complaint kept the boy in bed for 18 months, and so he was late in starting his education. By the time he was able to do so his father (who had reached the rank of surgeon-captain) had gone into civilian practice as an ophthalmic consultant

Gittings began his literary life as a poet, much encouraged by the staff of his school, St Edward's, Oxford; it was through schoolboy poems published at that time that he began his lifelong friendship with Arthur Har-ris, better known later as the verse playwright Christopher Fry, to-wards whom he acknowledged a profound debt.

Gittings went up to Jesus College, Cambridge, on a scholarship. He read history and took a first in the historical tripos in 1933. He went on to become a research student and research fellow between 1933 and 1938, and from 1938 to 1940 was a

supervisor of studies at his college. In 1932 he had published his first book, a collection of verse called The Roman Road. In 1937 he followed this with The Story of Psyche, a blank-verse re-telling of the myth. This was praised for its careful craftsmanship, but it was suggested that "the deeper tones of imaginative experience" were beyond the



author's capacity. This remained the standard judgment on his verse. which was none the less always conscientiously exact. He was in this sphere a graceful continuer of the Georgian tradition.

Gittings had been writing radio scripts throughout the 1930s and in 1940 he joined the staff of the BBC to do the same job. He remained there until 1963. He was the producer of the highly regarded series called Famous Meetings, as well as many other programmes. He found well deserved literary fame in 1954 with the publication of John Keats: The Living Year, which remains his best, most original, most memorable and most directly-felt book. Dealing with the most productive year of Keats's life, September 1818 to September 1819, it shone new and imaginative light on the poet's development. In it Gittings discovered a new and undoubted impor-

tance in Keats's hitherto scarcely

noticed liaison with Mrs Isabella

After two more books on aspects of Kears and an abortive foray into the field of Shakespearian studies (Shakespeare's Rival, 1960) Gittings produced in 1968 his mag-isterial biography John Keats. This was the fullest account of the poet's life ever to appear and although some readers preferred the critical approach taken in the biographies by Aileen Ward and Jackson Bate (both of which owed more than a little to The Living Year), this was certainly ahead in facts and new discoveries. Gittings's method was to make the fullest use of what he described as "non-academic sources". He became known as the most assiduous detective among British biographers and thus greatly compensated for his failure ever again quite to capture the sense of excitement that he had conveyed in The Living Year.

John Keats, which won the W. H. Smith Award of 1969, carried considerable authority. Even those who could not agree with all of Gittings's interpretations or felt he had not succeeded in capturing quite the psychological penetration of The Living Year had to concede that the book allowed them, as no other had before it, to live with the poet "al-most from hour to hour". It was a major achievement.

Gittings's next project was a life of Thomas Hardy, of whom no biography had by then appeared that could be described as even adequate. His edition of Emma Hardy's Some Recollections (1961), done in collaboration with another writer, had received very rough handling from the late Henry Reed and was subsequently revised. Reed, who had known the second Mrs Hardy well. had for long been expected to write the definitive biography. But illness prevented that happening. Gittings failed to obtain Reed's co-operation in his work. This was a loss, as Michael Millgate's later biography, written with the benefit of Reed's

expertise, showed.

Gittings accomplished his task in

two volumes: Young Thomas Hardy (1975) and The Older Hardy (1978). These were received with respect and (especially the first volume) with gratitude for bringing hitherto unknown facts to light. But the biography did not excite the kind of attention that the work on Keats had done.

Earlier complaints about Gittings's lack of verbal - and critical - flair were revived. This was probably because he too evidently disliked Hardy as a man while grudgingly acknowledging his greatness as a writer. Curiously, he found little beauty or generosity of spirit in Hardy: yet readers had always discerned it from his books. The biography was for a time influential on a generation new to Hardy's writings, although Miligate's slightly later, more scholarly one, initiated independently, appeared in the general estimation to correct Gittings's moralising account. But the work did and does stand out as a conscientious record of the facts, and must serve any future

Gittings edited several books, inchuding a notable annotated selec-tion of Keats's letters, as well as an extended essay, The Nature of Biog-raphy (1970). His Collected Poems appeared in 1976. He also wrote a number of plays and a son et lumière entertainment entitled Conflict at Canterbury (1970).

In 1934 he married Katherine Edith Campbell, by whom he had two sons. This marriage ended in divorce and in 1949 he married the writer Jo Manton, by whom he had a daughter. He was visiting professor at Vanderbilt University in 1966, at Boston University in 1970 and at the University of Washington on two occasions (1972 and 1974). Cambridge University awarded him an honorary doctorate in 1970 and in the same year he was appointed

Together with Jo Manton he wrote several books, including an admirable biography, The Second Mrs Hardy (1979).

est ranking East German to be received by a British prime minister. Later that

year he was received at the Elysée by

President Mitterrand and in 1988 was

invited to Washington by George Shultz,

delegation which negotiated with the Bonn Social Democratic Party (SPD) over a proposed chemical weapon-free

zone in Europe, extending these talks in

1986 to cover nuclear weapons. By

opening a dialogue between the SED

and SPD he inadvertently played a part

in the unification process, although he

himself, as one of the old guard, never

accepted the need for reform or change.

When the Berlin Wall came down in 1989 he was in the Soviet Union for an

eye operation and took no part in the

events leading to the disappearance of

the country he had belped to create.

Stripped of his party functions while he

was still abroad, he returned home to be

arrested on charges of corruption and misuse of his office. Investigators had

evidence to show that the former com-

munist youth activist, who once fought

for social justice, had used DM4.5 mil-

lion (£1.5 million) of public money to

build the luxury country home in which

he hoped to spend his old age. He was

Twice winner of two of East Germa-

communist party (PDS), which announced his death. The PDS obituary

said that he must bear a share of the

responsibility for the mistakes which had

destroyed the country he had helped to

From 1984 he led the East German

then US secretary of state.

MERTON Y. KOPLIN

Merton Y. Koplin, an American television producer who was one of the key figures in a 1959 scandal over rigged quiz shows but went on to produce award-winning documen-taries, died on February 15 aged 71. He was born in Milwaukee.

THE \$64,000 Question, a phrase that Menon Koplin introduced into the English language, was not all it seemed. Even President Eisenhower was thunderstruck when he discovered that this quiz show - one of the mostwatched programmes in the history of television - was being dishonestly manipulated by its sponsors and pro-

By comparison with subsequent deceptions of the United States populace by Eisenhower's successors, Koplin's sin was a minor peccadillo. But it caused a public sensation when he confessed to a Congressional committee that he had, at the behest of the sponsor - the Revion cosmetics company - manipulated both contestants and quiz questions to affect the outcome. The Revion advertising executives, he said, had

pressured him to raise audience ratings by instilling more drama, forcing out unappealing contestants, and keeping popular ones winning. Revion admitted "making suggestions," but denied any intention of rigging and any knowledge it was taking

The \$64.000 Question and its companion show, The \$64,000 Challenge, were not the only ones to be indicted in the investigation. Practically every major quiz show in the country fell foul of the rigging charges, and most were taken off the air.

Koplin's candour before the committee saved him from the perjury charges lev-elled at many of his peers, but it was some time before his career recovered. When it did, he became executive producer of the PM show, hosted by Mike Wallace, which is considered the prototype of the late-night talk and com-edy format. He went on to coproduce the 19-part Walk Through the 20th Century with Bill Moyers, which won both Emmy and Peabody Awards in 1984.

He is survived by his wife, Janice, son and daughter.

APPRECIATION

Captain Colin McMullen

THAT great seaman, "Colin Mac" (obituary February 13)

- "Skipper" to many - endeared himself to people without trying, and this quality, coupled with his great professional competence gave him outstanding qualities of leadership. The writer was privileged to see this demonstrated in 1944 when Colin took command of a Fleet destroyer, the ship's company of which was war-weary. His personality had the ship on its toes again in a short time and watching him achieve this

was an object lesson. His dry, droll sense of humour was very near the surface; an over-serious seamanship discussion could be reduced to chordes by a quiet voice interjecting "Merrily round ments of Teutonic interference when some might inwardly quake, he would say in an exaggerated Franglais accent, "Formidarble", and laughter would relieve the

In an Arctic storm in January 1945 hls ship, HMS Scorpion, was hove-to for two days and battened down. At midday the dim light revealed a giant wave, even bigger than the rest, bearing down upon the ship. Those with him on the open bridge were daunted, to put it mildly, and looked at Colin Mac for comfort. They were not disap-

situation.

pointed; he beckoned them to him, apparently to shout some orders above the screaming wind. In an exaggerated Long-John-Silver-West-Country voice he bellowed: "Marrk my warmed it don't blow like it. worrds - it don't blow like it used to." Long before the laughter subsided, the ship

had bobbed up and over the

capped and painful years, one never heard a word of complaint. Last summer he levered himself imo his car, grinned and, as he drove away, said "Keep it on The Island", an esoteric joke about the vital importance of the Gunnery School traditions at Whale Island. His later letters always finished with "P.O.R." - Press on

Regardless. He was greatly loved and admired by many outside his own family. I hope we shall see his like again, but I doubt

HERMANN AXEN WING COMMANDER **ROBIN JOHNSTON** Hermann Axen, former member of

Wing Commander George Robert Arthur McGarel (Robin) Johnston, DSO, MBE, DFC, wartime fighter wing leader, died in Johannesburg on February 14 aged 75. He was born in Bloemfontein, Orange 2, 1916.

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ROBIN Johnston was one of that distinguished band of South African-born pilots who made a contribution to Fighter Command's wartime effort which was out of all proportion to their numbers. He had a varied and, given the unrelenting stress such a life involved, lengthy combat career, fighting almost con-tinuously from 1941 until he was taken off operations to concentrate on the refinement of fighter tactics in the autumn of 1944. As a leader of fighter wings he played an important role in gaining air

supremacy over the Norman-dy battlefields after D-Day. Continuing his education in Britain in the 1930s after his early schooling in South Africa, he went to Cambridge University where he joined the air squadron in 1937. In 1938 he was commissioned in the Royal Air Force Volun-

teer Reserve. He thus had plenty of flying experience when war broke out but his combat flying career did not begin in ear-Squadron in North Africa. This gave him great opportunities as No 73 was one of the most effective units in the theatre and in one fortnight shot down 50 aircraft.

Soon in the thick of the fighting, Johnston damaged a Ju 87 Stuka and two Italian bombers, both Savoia SM 79s, before claiming his first combat victory, over an Me 109 fighter, in February 1942. His skill as a tactician was remarked and he was soon given command of the squadron, which fought throughout the rest of the North African campaign. Before he returned to Britain at the end of the campaign. with another victory to his credit, Johnson had been awarded the DFC. He was

now posted as comanding officer of No 65 squadron. which in the months before D-Day was involved in fighter sweeps over the continent,

did valuable work protecting the highly vulnerable allied glider fleets whose safety was so vital to the success of the airborne component of the landings. By this time Johnston was leading a wing of three Mustang squadrons, including his original squadron, No 65.

been secured Johnston's wing was involved in tactical operawhen it moved to one of the earliest advanced fighter bases to be established on rons could react within minutes to requests by army commanders in the field for air power to suppress enemy resistance. Indeed, the suc cess of allied tactical air powinnovatory features of the Normandy campaign and at the way their troops and tanks were mercilessly har-

as they tried to move. though it was probably

was reflected in his final wartime appointment as Wing Commander Tactics at the Central Fighter Establishment at Tangmere. He subsequently received the Air Efficiency Award and was mentioned in dispatches. After retiring from the RAF he returned to South Africa,

On D-Day the squadron

Once the bridgehead had tions in support of the advancing allied armies, a task which was made the easier French soil. Thus, its squader in June, July and August 1944, was one of the most German commanders marvelled (albeit in utter dispair)

During these weeks Johnston shot down several more German fighters, both Messerschmitt Me 109s and a Focke-Wulf FW 190 and was awarded both the DSO for his leadership and a bar to his DFC. His score stood at 712 when in September he was brought back to Britain good deal higher as he had a large number of "probables" and damaged aircraft to his

ried by enemy planes as soon

His skill as a fighter leader where he lived until his death.

the East German communist party politburo, died in Berlin on February 15 aged 75 after a long illness. He was born in Leipzig on March 6, 1916.

THE career of Hermann Axen in many ways mirrored the rise and fall of East Germany, for which he did so much to win international recognition. A Jew who was a lifelong communist, he sur vived three years in two of the worst Nazi concentration camps before helping to create a "socialist Germany". He died discredited, probably saved from prison only by the fact that he was too ill to stand trial for corruption.

The son of a communist party worker, Axen fell foul of the Nazi party when he joined the Young Communist League in 1932 while still a schoolboy. The following year he was first arrested as part of a Nazi clampdown and in 1935 was sentenced to three years imprisonment. Following his release in 1938 he fled to Paris but was interned by the Vichy government in 1940 and handed over to the Germans in 1942. Sent first to Auschwitz, he was transferred later to Buchenwald before being liberated there by the Soviet army at the end of the war

Immediately he flung himself into organisational work for the youth section of the communist party, becoming secre-tary for agitation and propaganda and then, in 1949, head of propaganda. When he become too old for the youth movement, he started work in Berlin for the East German party proper, the Sozialistische Einheitspartei Deutschlands (SED). He became a member of the central committee in 1950, second secretary of the Berlin area from 1953 to 1956 and then for ten years became editor of Neues Deutschland, the main party newspaper.

Bernard Krikler

BERNARD ("Bunny")

Krikler, assistant director of

the Wiener Library under

Walter Laqueur from 1973 to

1988, has died aged 65. He

was born in what is now

Zimbabwe and first came to

Britain in 1950 as a member

of the South African Universi-

ties debating team. After a

brief engagement with revo-

lutionary politics, Krikler left South Africa for good in

1951, senling in London as

part of the South African-

After a period teaching he

joined the Wiener Library.

ultimately becoming



In 1966 he was put in charge of the SED's international relations, which until then had been solely concerned with links with other communist parties. He made it his work to win international recognition for his country, a job which became easier in 1971 when he became chairman of the Volkskammer's foreign affairs committee. In that position he also become one of the closest confidants of Eric Honecker, the country's leader, He had already become a full member of the politburo in 1970.

He slowly began to make himself increasing credibility to his country's claims to recognition in the non-commuin 1977 and in 1981 saw Mrs Margaret Thatcher in London, becoming the high-

judged in February 1990, however, to be too ill to stand trial and was released from prison. He had been confined to a sickbed ever since. my's more prestigious honours, "The Hero of Work" and the "Order of Karl Marx," only his early anti-fascist stance was praised by the new East German

known on the international scene, giving nist world. He attended the Helsinki Conference Final Act (CSCE) in 1975, led a Volkskammer delegation to France

Dr Hacib Aoun

DR HACIB Aoun, who was one of the earliest health care workers to be infected with the HIV virus, and who became a tireless champion for the rights of his fellow doctors and nurses, died of complications from Aids at his home in Glen Arm, Maryland, on February 16 aged 36.

and A. Alvarez - as a man of It was a chance accident at acute critical intelligence, of Johns Hopkins University Hospital in Baltimore in ous human understanding, 1982 that ended Hacib Aoun's promising medical formidably articulate about political and ideological iscareer. A cardiologist, he was a chief resident of medicine at He is survived by his wife, Johns Hopkins when a test tube of contaminated blood Berenice, and his daughter.

broke in his hand and pierced a thumb. He was diagnosed

in 1986 as having Aids. Aoun lost his job - the ensuing law suit was settled out of court - and spoke out against mandatory testing of health care workers for HIV because of likely discrimination against those infected. He exhorted interns and residents to ensure that they had insurance against contracting an illness on the job.

They ask you to go be on the front lines in medicine. saying you have a moral and ethical duty to do it," he said in an interview in 1990, "and you go willingly. But if something happens, you are on vour own.

Gray's Inn

Whewell professor of inter-national law at Cambridge University, have been elected honorary masters of the bench.

University news

The title of professor of the $a\pi$ of The Netherlands has been conferred on C.J. White, Director of

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THE CHANNEL TUNNEL

An extraordinary general meeting of the Submarine Continental Railway Company vesterday at the offices of the South-Eastern Railway Com-pany. London-bridge Station, to consider a Bill authorising the South-Eastern Company "to construct a railway and works in connection with the proposed Channel Tunnel." Sir E. W. Watkin presided. and stated that owing to some technicalities, not of an important character, they would propose the adjournment of the meeting to the 2nd of March. The meeting, however, gave him to some extent an opportunity of reporting progress, and

pany should be done in public, believing that the great ques-tion of the Channel Tunnel would increase in importance in the public mind the more it was discussed. This company claimed to be the parties which had made the question a practical one, and they intended, so far as they could control events, to go on

the directors were very desirous that the business of the com-

without flinching to, if possible, the completion of the work they had set themselves to do.

They would remember that in accordance with the agreement he placed before them last month, the South-Eastern

Company were to complete, by the 31st of March, 1,000 yards of tunnelling, with two passing places, one at the end of each 500 yards. The South-Eastern Company, he hoped, always performed their engagements in the spirit as well as the letter. and by Saturday last they had completed 1,100 yards. On that day a visit was made to

FEB 21 ON THIS DAY 1882 regarded the influence and entific acquirements of the gentlemen who accommanied son, he thought the visit might regarded as a remarkable

> Their colleague, Dr Siemens, lighted up the tunnel with the Swan light, and it was certainly a beautiful sight to see a cavern, as it were under the bottom of the seas, made in places at all events as brilliant as daylight. They proposed to go on with the borings, and they had now made arrange-ments with their workpeople by which they were proceeding at the rate of 100 yards a week. length of one mile, which was about as much as the four-inch air pipe they were using would be able to accomplish, they proposed having a 12-inch pipe, when they would have power enough to complete the 7ft gallery, or, if necessary, the full size of the tunnel - a 14ft gallery - right across to the centre of the Channel, or beyond if necessary. They heard a good deal in

the local newspapers about their having as it were, avoided a connexion with Dover with the tunnel. All he had to say with regard to the special interests of Dover was that they had approached the Corporation of Dover through the Mayor of Dover, to whom he would have the honour that day to address an official letter. preparing a scheme, well considered and extensive by which they could place Dover on the main line in connexion with the tunnel. This company's scheme was to connect all England with all the Continent; the other scheme was, he said, to connect a place called Pan Hole with Biggin-street Dover. He did not wish to criticise that scheme, but having had about 40 years' expericompletely assonished that any body of engineers or capitalists should have embarked on such an object in such a way.

Birthdays today

The King of Norway celebrates

his birthday today. Mr Humphry Berkeley, writer and broadcaster, 66; Sir John Bourn, Comptroller and Auditor General. 58: Professor Ruth Bowden, anatomist. 77; the Earl of Carlisle, 69; Mrs Jilly Cooper, author, 55; Sir Colville Deverell. former governor, Mauritius, 85: Mr Leslie Durbin, silversmith, 79: Dame Janet Fookes, MP, 56: Mr Carron Greig, former chairman, Baltic Exchange, 67; Sir Michael Grylls, MP, 58; Sir

Conrad Heron, civil servant, 76. Sir Reginald Hibbert, diplomat, 70: Sir John McGregor Hill. former chairman, British Nuclear Fuels, 71; Lord Hunter, 79; Mr Peter McEnery, actor. 52; Mr Robert Mugabe, Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, 68; Professor Sir Rupert Myers, former vice-chancellor, University of New South Wales, 71; General Sir Robert Pascoe, 60; Sir Ashley Ponsonby. Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, 71: Professor J.H.D. Prescott, principal. Wye College,

Lieutenant-General Sir John Richards, Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps. 65; Professor F.W. Rimmer, former professor of music, 78: Mr Richard Turner-Warwick, urologist, 67; Mr L. Wagner, director, North London Polytechnic, 49; Mr David Wood, actor and playwright, 48.

Appointments

Jewish diaspora.

Latest appointments include: Dr Roger Vaughan, joint chief executive of Swan Hunter, to be a member of the National Curriculum Council (NCC).

Mr John Gilbert Hanson, Deputy Director General of the British Council, to be a member of the governing body of the School of Oriental and African Studies, London University.

Luncheon

Lunchtime Comment Club Sir Derek Barber was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the Lunchtime Comment Club held yesterday at the New Connaught Rooms. Mr Stuart Drummond, chairman, presided.

Latest wills

former MP and President of the Council for the Protection of Rural England. left estate valued at E674,542 net. He left E35,000 to New College, Oxford, and much of the residue to charity, as his trustees select.

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Judge John Hampden Inskip, of Bramshott, Hampshire, recorder of Bournemouth 1970-82, left estate valued at £733.016 net. Mr Victor Azoux, of London W4, left estate valued at £3,920,087 net. He left his estate mostly to

personal legatees. Mr Charles John Huyshe Chetwyad Talbot, of Flestiniog, Gwynedd, former Reuter foreign correspondent, left estate valued

Lord Molson, of Westminster, Professor Fritz Jacoby, of former MP and President of the Council for the Protection of history at the University of Wales College, Cardiff, left estate valued at £339,222 net.

Mr Richard Lionel Lea Priestlev Edwards, of Windsor, Berkshire, left estate valued at £764.442 net.

He left £2,450 to personal lega-tees and the residue to the Leukaemia Research Fund. Mr Terence Hards, of Morecombelake, Dorset, poet and playwright, left estate valued at £52,689 net.

> Mr Marcel Noel Buckingham, of Liverpool 15, left estate valued at £133,931 net. He left the entire amount to the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development.

The following have been elected Masters of the Bench of Gray's Inn: Mr Frederic Reynold, QC,
Mr Michael Llewellyn Tucker
Harvey, QC, Mr Michael
Edward Lewer, QC, and Mr
Conrad Seagroan, QC. Lord Grey of Naunton and Professor James Crawford,

ence of railways, tunnelling, and other public works, he felt

Jackson fan wins by a nose

BY ALISON ROBERTS

WHICH of the three Rolls-Royces and four Mercedes in the Dorchester car park had carried Michael Jackson? That was the question provoking heated debate yesterday among the crowd waiting outside for a glimpse of their idol. Most touched all seven, just to be sure.

And why was he in England anyway? Was he visiting Benny Hill in hospital. going shopping or getting over his trau-matic African tour, which was cut short under mysterious circumstances?

The speculation had followed the pop singer and his 26-strong team of managers and minders from Stansted airport, Essex, to the London hotel, where the entourage is expected to stay for up

to four days. They were rumoured to have taken an entire floor of the hotel at a cost of £6,000 a day. The adoration of a posse of fans from Leicester who braved the cold for five hours knew no bounds. Denise Pfeiffer, aged 21, had seen Jackson, aged 33, in concert 18 times all over Europe. Lee Ron, aged 16, from Hackney, northeast London, said: You don't understand what it means; that one moment when you see him keeps you going for weeks and weeks, it makes everything different for ages."

The crowd was entertained by Jack-son lookalike Mark Antony who danced tirelessly. "I became a fan at the age of three," he said. The fans had to be content with his impressions. At 1.15pm, a black Ford Scorpio pulled out

of the hotel's garage containing a coy Jackson, holding a red jumper to his face, and the American boy, aged ten, who has become his friend and travelling companion. Youngsters raced after the car and as soon as it stopped at red

traffic lights threw themselves at it.

Jackson, whose latest album Danger ous is in the charts, was spotted later, wearing a fedora and buying books in the children's section of Foyle's in Charing Cross Road.
The musician's trying day was not

quite over. On his seturn to the hotel he was ambushed by about 50 fans who snatched at his clothing, causing mind-ers alarm. Jackson lost his footing as one girl shouted: "I've got his jumper. I've got it! It smells lovely!"



Under cover: Jackson and friend go shopping

De Klerk puts reforms to white referendum

Continued from page 1

undisturbed, it is necessary that we bring this matter to a head. We must resolve this difference between us in a time has arrived to test whether white voters want this process to continue."

Mr de Klerk said the move should not be construed as an attempt to introduce a white veto on constitutional changes, but rather to resolve leadership issues raised by the Conservative party. He wished to test them on the basis of one man, one vote.

The political consensus was that Mr de Klerk's initiative was a shrewd response to the election result at Potchefstroom in the western Trans vaal on Wednesday. The Conservatives had been expected to capture the Nationalist stronghold, a predominantly

Afrikaner constituency, but the margin of its victory more than 2,000 votes surprised ministers.

Star gazing: dedicated fans brave the cold outside the Dorchester for a rare sighting of their idol

Mr de Klerk said, on the eve of the election, that he regarded it as a barometer of white opinion on the reform process, and the triumphant right wing was happy to endorse that view.

Dr Treumicht, who cele-brated his 71st birthday on election day, said the result proved the Nationalists no longer represented whites and had no mandate to negotiate the future. "It is a message to the white nation not to despair, because the future is ours. To other peoples, it is a message that, while we are them, they are not in a pos-ition to decide on our future."

Deadly Cobras rain down terror

SUDDENLY the beige-andgreen Cobra helicopter darted out from behind a low hill its engine snarling as it wheeled in, the Star of David visible on its side. There was only a split second to take in the danger before there was a loud explosion and a chunk of the road erupted.

The driver, Mohammad Hajj, leapt from his car and, bit the ground outside the Kafra village to the south of Beirut. He crawled framically towards a fortification for the UN peacekeeping force and huddled with myself and three other journalists inside a concrete fortification.

It was easy to see why our green BMW had attracted the attention of the Israeli pilot crouched forward in the machine-gun protruding from its chin - ours was the only car that had ventured into this area near the Israeli

The sound and fury of an Israeli dawn raid on villagers of south Lebanon is recorded by

security zone where tanks had moved into Lebanon inserie the village.

For miles we had daven down deserted roads. Suddenly, there it was, hovering just above the ground, staring at us like a enraged mosquito ready for its victim. We were stunned for a few seconds.

The rocket's flash bimded us then a deafening sound sent us all storming outside the car and into the blue-and-white UN fortification for the acci-Mohammad Haji. The smell of gunpowder filled the air. The rocket had impacted 15 yards away. We were caught

in the middle of a vast landscape with Israeli tanks rolling towards us from the east, guerrillas firing at our direction from the south and heli-copters with deadly rockets buzzing in the sky above. It seemed like minutes before I collected my nerves and switched on the tape recorder to record the driver's story.

For him the new assault on Lebanon had begun early that morning with a voice speaking in broken Arabic n was on Israeli officer warning residents of the village to leave their homes before tanks start to roll down the hill. He rushed to move his elderly father and mother. who live on the other side of the village. He could not make it on time. His father, already fled on foot and got

lost in the woods. After half an hour of being squeezed like sardines under

were stopped by young gun-men in combat istigues, try-ing to hitchhike to safety. After our encounter with the helicopter their machine guns hardly scared us so we drove past them, dashing for the next village.

cover the buzzing of the heli-

copter faded away, signaling

our chance to escape. We

rushed back to the car and

drove past a two-by-two meter crater caused by the rocket that was supposed to destroy our car. Fleeing for Beirut we

On the way to Beirut thousands of cars carrying refuges and bedding jammed the coastal highway. The few vehicles heading for the fighting carried gumman ready for the civil war that many think may not be rekindled. A renon is only temporary and war is the only constant.

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Political sketch

Poor old Patten has a bad trip

There have been record seizures of ecstasy, John Patten, the Home Office minister, was telling MPs as your sketchwriter entered the gallery. So they've nicked Heseltine? I looked round at Mr Patten's audience of backbenchers. Not much ecstasy now. Bleary eyes and nervous scowls betrayed a House under the influence of something, but surely not eestasy? I looked it up on my health department drugs information card.

Let me explain about the card. Concerned last week at the strange behaviour in the chamber of Frank Haynes (Lab. Ashfield) and anxious to discover whether the 65-year-old MP might be sniffing glue, I rang the drugs helpline (freefone 0800 555 777) posing as an anxious par-ent. They sent me an information pack. It includes a sliding card arrangement. One card slides within another to disclose messages in special windows. Pull the inner card until the arrow points at (for in-stance) "ecstasy" then read the three windows under (1) Effects & Symptoms: (2) Look for and (3) Dangers. The information appropriate to the drug appears in each window. It works both'
ways: slide the symptom
you have spotted into the
Effects & Symptoms window, and see which drug
the arrow indicates. each window. It works both

Mr Patten was still banging on. I moved the arroy to "ecstasy" (main heading: MDMA: Stimulants).

Into the Effects window moved the words "increased energy'. No. Mr Patten was the same laidback smoothle as ever, Look for? "Tablets, varying colours". No. Red boxes and crib-sheets of varying colours lay around him on the bench, but no tablets. Dangers? "Possible dam-age to brain ..." Yes, this does seem to have occ-urred, but could easily be explained by years spent as Home Office minister re-sponsible for crime statis-tics. Probably not, I con-

cluded, ecstasy.

"The police," Mr Patten continued, eyes bulging with pride, "have been very successful during the

course of the last year. I slid my card to "lilu-sions and hallucinations". Ahai "pupil dilation". Look for. "squares of paper" — Ahal Right there on the dispatch box in front of him expressions of fear and anxiety" ... There were these, too: "no, no and no again," Patten was growling to a backbencher who had intervened on this

question.
So what drug was the arrow indicating? I checked,
"LSD (Hallucinogen)", it
said. Dangers: "Bad Trips".
Anyone who has seen Mr Patten after one of his meetings with the Police Federation has noticed the effect. "Flashbacks", added my card. "As one of the conclusions of the Maastricht settlement ..." added the minister.

Confident of our diagnosis, I turned to another minister, Peter Lloyd, answering a question from Sir Donald Thompson (C, Cal-der Valley) about the Urban Crime Fund. Mr Lloyd seemed agitated. He was wringing his hands. Sliding my card to "Anxiety, pos-sible paranoia and psychological disturbance", I listened as Lloyd began his reply. He was talking about areas eligible for grants.

"That's the wrong answer!" shouted Sir Don. The minister jerked his head round. "Lack of coordination" said my card. "I've given my hon friend the right answer. He asked the wrong question," said Mr Lloyd, suddenly grinning, "Irrelevant giggling", said my card. It was all falling into place, Where did the arrow point? "Can pable" the card said "Pot

nabis", the card said, "Pot, Grass, Ganja, Hash, Dope, Wacky Baccy".

n all honesty, though, Leannot report noticing the "strong herbal-type smell of burning leaves" the card promised. Nor, with Mr Patten, could I work out from the card whether the "visions of joy and beauty" were a reference to the minister himself — his hair was certainly looking nice — or to his own experiences.

So our shock hypothesis linking MPs to drugs remains no more than a guess. And there is a much simpler explanation. It just could be something to do

with the election.

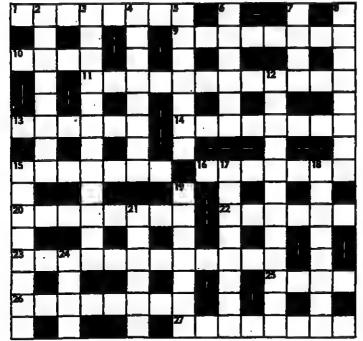
If so, there is an unkind twist on the Commons order paper, headed "Early Day Motion number 2504: Deaf People and the General Election". It calls on the government to ensure that party political broadcasts reach the deaf.

How, as Michael Neu-bert (C, Romford) asked yesterday, can MPs be so cruel?

Jan

MATTHEW PARRIS

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18.847



ACROSS

1 Kitty turned awkward situation

into means of escape! (8). One who shares opportunity with a friend (4-4). 10 Trade alliance covering distribu-

11 Sending a clot to make a call (4-8).13 Take sides about female impris-

oned by governor in the Tower (6). 14 Choose judge with the right qualifications (5.3).

15 The driver's right in an illegal position (7). 16 The Church is in a kind of cclipse, writes intellectual (7).

20 Only endless piety can create a facility for composition (8). 22 Morals corrupted by champers?

The solution to the Eliminator puzzle No 18,846 will appear on Thursday, February 27

23 Promise to present unit with a weapon (4,4,4). 25 Clothing to boast about (4).

26 Territory controlled by Darwin from Scotland perhaps (8). 27 Decline to go round the county (4,4).

DOWN 1 Where the tabelcloth might go on the other side (8).

2 Influence a racy individual to gain unfair advantage (4,1,4,3). Astonished public observe Dutch 5 Learned what is said in France

after game in Europe ends (7). 6 Omamental miniature box, say Show extreme affection for wife

in the cooler (4). 8 Riotous repartee to watch, pos-

12 A contemporary record contain-ing the facts admitted (12). 15 Kindly doing a favour (8).

17 Order regiment to Berlin, for instance (8). 18 Prop for, perhaps, a vocai solo

19 Hothead abandoned the game, the ignorant fellow! (7). 21 An American would put this on runners (6).

24 Exceedingly light (4).

Concise Crossword is on page 9 of Life & Times

A daily safari through the puage jungle. Which definition are correct?

By Philip Howard ЛМ CROW

a. To beg from one's friends b. Winter cross c. The kilt POTATORY An Essen Man Conservative
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a. Repeating someone's word b. Hemlock Water Dropwort c. The blip in radar Answers on page 16

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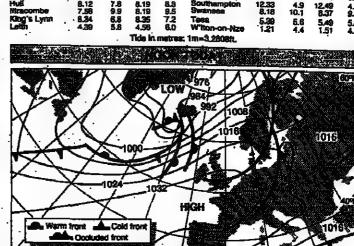
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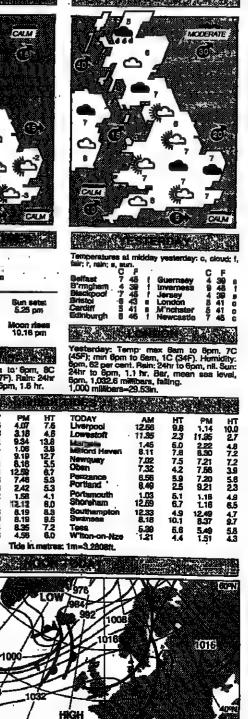
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THE TIMES

TODAYINBUSINESS



What lessons has John Major, a stickler for research, drawn from the Thirties slump about the present recession? Parallels between the Thirties and Nineties Page 23

EQUALITY

The proportion of pension schemes with similar pension ages for men and women is rising. But women's working lives are becoming longer

HOPEFUL



Wall Street rose 4 i points to 3,271 by lunchtime. Analysts are hoping for further interest cuts to boost the economy

US trade, page 21 TOMORROW

PROFILE



Paul Orchard-Lisle, senior partner of Healey & Barker, the chartered surveyor, has a lifestyle from a Wodehouse novel but a lust for hard work

PENSIONS

Weekend Money looks at measures that are needed. to protect company pension fund members and pensioners

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BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL

Coal executive in stronger position after gag lifted

By Ross Tieman INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

MALCOLM Edwards, the embattled commercial director of British Coal, was back at his desk in the corporation's Hobart. House headquarters in London yesterday after delivering the bombshell that Neil Clarke, the group's chairman, has striven for more than four months to contain.

Two floors down, Mr Clarke was attempting to stem the media interest excited by Mr Edwards' confirmation that British Coal could be reduced to just 12 pits by 1996. Mr Clarke must also have been wondering whether his efforts to displace Mr Edwards — including a trawl through

the commercial director's past expenses claims and an examination of invoices from Alliance International, the advertising and public relations group - might be backfiring. Mr Clarke's strategy, since becoming chairman of British Coal in January last year, has been to manage an accelerated programme of pit closures with the minimum of fuss. To pursue that goal, he had to silence Mr Edwards.

Unlike his boss, Mr Edwards has been in the coal industry since he was 22, and he is an extrovert. After 35 years, he has become one of the industry's most respected figures, and an outspoken proponent of coal as a more cost effective fuel than nuclear power or gas. Last spring, as he saw coal's

market threatened by a huge gas power station building programme unleashed by electricity privatisation. Mr Edwards began to speak out.

Mr Clarke, an austere accountant and professional manager, could no longer live with the ruckus. By the end of last year, he had assumed charge of the corporation's key negotiations with the electricity generating companies, which buy more than three quarters of British Coal's output. He appointed the number two in the commercial department, Andrew Horsler, as direc-

tor general of marketing.

Mr Edwards was invited to leave his £70,000-a-year job. and offered a two-year consultancy agreement that would bar him

from working for anyone else in the coal industry, or from speaking out. A large part of the settlement would be payable only on completion of the consultancy period. Mr Edwards refused to sign. While repeatedly declining to discuss his predicament, he does not hesitate to say: "Nobody is going to stop me speaking out in defence of the coal industry. I have spent my life in it and I happen to believe in it." Mr Edwards has sought legal advice from Denise Kingsmill, of DJ Freeman, the

lawyer who also acts for George Walker. Outside Hobart House, Mr Edwards' friends, admirers, and even past opponents have been bewildered by the confrontation. Lord Ezra, a former chairman of British Coal, said: "I found him a very able head of the marketing department." A senior fig-ure in the coal industry said: "The idea of muzzling him is nonsense. I think the only way to resolve this now is to give him a generous settlement and leave him free to speak his mind."

The man who took the gag off Mr Edwards on Wednesday was Michael Clark, the Conservative chairman of the energy select committee. While the battle between Mr Edwards and Mr Clarke has fanned concern over prospects for British Coal, the two agree on at least one thing. Unless the "dash for gas" is halted. British Coal faces massive contraction over the

UK sinking rather than bumping along

Output decline is biggest since Thirties

BY ANATOLE KALETSKY, ECONOMICS EDITOR

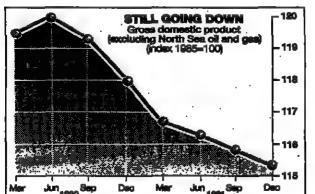
BRITAIN is sinking further into the longest recession in postwar history, with no sign of a let-up in the economy's rate of

Last year's gross domestic product, the most comprehensive measure of activity throughout the economy, declined by 2.5 per cent, the biggest annual fall since the Thirties. In the fourth quarter alone, GDP fell by 0.3 per cent, reversing the small 0.2 third quarters of 1991. per cent rise in the third quarter. Because the upward blip in the third-quarter GDP figure was due entirely to

conceded that the underlying trend in the onshore economy continued to be one of steady

This message was reinforced by yesterday's figures for GDP excluding oil and gas output. This measure of activity, generally considered to be the best indicator of underlying economic condi-tions, fell by 0.4 per cent in the fourth quarter. This was exactly the same as the rate of decline in the second and

The figures implied that the economy was not "bumping along the bottom" in the second half of last year, safety-related fluctuations in as had been assumed by most North Sea oil output, even private economists as well as government ministers have by government spokesmen.



January bank lending higher than expected

BY OUR FINANCIAL EDITOR

BANK and building society lending rose by £3.4 billion last month, allowing for seasonal adjustments for tax payments. The rise, which was more than expected, was a recovery from December's £1.1 billion and the sixmonth average of £2.3 billion, but was still the lowest January increase for five years.

There was little sign of any upturn in borrowing by consumers. Individuals repaid a net £252 million on high street bank loans after running up accrued interest of E1 billion in December.

M0, the narrow measure of money supply, fell by 0.2 per cent in January after a 0.3 per cent rise in December, underlining the depressed state of the cash economy. Over 12 months, M0 is up 2.2 per cent, against 2.8 per cent in the year to December and the Treasury target range of 0-4. per cent. Over the past three months, M0 has risen at an

annual rate of 1.3 per cent. There is some sign that growth of M4, the wider measure of money, might be bottoming out at about 6 per cent. M4 increased by 0.4 per cent last month after 0.8 per cent in December, leaving annual growth unchanged at

sixth successive quarter, with no sign of deceleration in the rate of decline. The six quarters of consecu-

Instead, the economy had

continuing to sink for the

tive decline marked the present recession as clearly the longest on record, at least in terms of the onshore economy. In the recession of the early Eighties, previously the longest on record, total GDP declined for five consecutive quarters, while output measure of conshore GDP declined for only four quarters in a row.

In terms of depth, however, the present recession is still much shallower than the slump of the early Eighties. So far, the decline in total ince its neak in second quarter of 1990 has been 3.7 per cent, while the decline in onshore output has been 3.9 per cent. In the 1980 recession, the peak to trough decline in total GDP was 5.5 per cent and the fall in onshore gas output 6.2 per

City economists had generally expected yesterday's GDP figures to show a further fall in the fourth quarter, but had hoped at least to see the rate of decline slowing. The fact that the economy was still declining quite rapidly at the end of last year suggested that the recession was probably still deepening in the present quarter and might even continue into the second quarter of 1992. Government statisticians

confirmed that several of the

industries that had been

showing signs of recovery last summer began to decline again in the last three months of the year. Last week, the Central Statistical Office published industrial production statistics that showed manufacturing output falling by 1.2 per cent in the fourth quarter, compared with a decline of only 0.1 per cent the quarter before. Yesterday's GDP figures included the first official estimates on the service sectors of the economy, many of which also appeared to have suffered steeper declines.

Lessons for Major, page 23 fore demanded a decision

Top job row at Porsche

ARNO Bohn, management board chairman of Porsche AG, vesterday asked the company's supervisory board to decide on his future by the end of February, saying he would make himself unavailable for reappointment unless

they did so. Herr Bohn's ultimatum followed a supervisory board meeting that had been expected to put an end to months of speculation over the leadership of the sports car maker.

The German press has sugrested that his days at Porsche were numbered because of stiding profits and sales. It became clear this week that Wolfgang Reitzle of Bayerische Motoren Werke AG (BMW) had received an offer from Porsche, BMW said Herr Reitzle would re-Bohn became management board chairman of Porsche in early 1990 and his contract is due to expire by the end of this year.

"Against expectations, yesterday's supervisory board meeting did not reach a decision regarding my reappoint-ment," Herr Bohn wrote in a statement. "I consider the continuing speculation over the filling of the job as management board chairman of Porsche AG as damaging for the company and have there-

about my reappointment by February 28 at the latest," he said. "Otherwise I am not available for

reappointment." A brief, one-paragraph statement from Porsche said the meeting had been unable to reach the legally required

two-thirds majority to extend Herr Bohn's contract. Porsche's supervisory board is made up of 12 mem-

bers, half representing the

capital owners, the Porsche and Piech families, and the other half the workers. The Porsche statement

added that according to German corporate law the supervisory board must decide on Herr Bohn's contract at its next meeting. The law states that a meet-

ing must be held within four weeks, at which a simple ma-Jority is required to extend his

Shell-shocked sector: Sir Royal Dutch/Shell, which failed to lift the gloom in the oil sector by announcing a lower than expected dividend rise after a disappointing cantious long-term view on oll prices. Net income in 1991 fell 33 per cent from £3.6 billion to £2.4 billion after a slump in the fourth quarter from £1.136 billion to £454 million. Fourth-quarpectations and analysts were pectations and analysts were further disappointed by the oll group's dividend increase of 4 per cent from 20.1p to 20.9p with a 12p final

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Never mind width of shares, feel depth

By Graham Searceant Financial Editor

WIDER share ownership. promoted for 20 years and boosted by privatisation, is passe. Three quarters of shareholders own shares in only one or two companies, few own anything other than privatised stocks and few have ever traded shares except to cash government sale

Deeper share ownership is the new goal. It is symbolised by the launch of ProShare, a powerfully backed organis-ation with a budget of £1 million a year. Chaired by Sir Peter Thompson, former chairman of NFC. ProShare has recruited Geoffrey Maddrell, ex-Tootal, as its chief executive. It plans to educate private investors, companies. schoolchildren and the Inland Revenue

about the advantages of em-ployee and individual share



Share apostles: Thompson (left) and Maddrell

ownership. As part of the task, ProShare will launch in May a national association for private investors with its own magazine, a catalogue of discounts and the aim of creating a representative or-

This is planned to stimulate investors' interest in anything from tax breaks, to paperless share trading, to the anomaly that company



annual meetings fix auditors but not directors' pay. Funding for three years has been guaranteed by 19 com-panies, a building society, the Department of Trade and Industry and the London Stock Exchange, which has donated its research and

education unit. Mr Maddrell aims to reverse the fall in individual ownership from two thirds of

only 21 per cent in 1989, a trend unbroken by the tide of privatisation. ProShare has already petitioned the Chancellor to al-

low tax relief on savings of up to £100 a month put into individual shares. ProShare is the designer name for what Sir Peter Thompson and Sir John Harvey-Jones, chairman of the

former Wider Share Owner-

ship Council, called the share

ownership movement. Sir Peter's rescue of the formerly state-owned NFC made him an apostle of employee shareholding. He is disappointed that, despite enabling measures in eight of the past nine Budgets, only 16 per cent of employees have shares or options in the companies for which they

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US deficit forecast to grow again

trade performance for eight years in 1991 but economists believe the deficit could be the narrowest for some time as the weakening economies of Germany, Japan and Canada reduce demand for exports and the domestic recovery at-

tracts imports.
The 1991 trade deficit was \$66.2 billion, the lowest since the \$52.4 billion registered in 1983. The deficit has been shrinking since the record \$152 billion of 1987.

In December, the trend was reversed by a \$5.94 billion deficit, compared with \$4.17 billion in November,

Lautro suspends **Oaklife**

BY LINDSAY COOK MONEY EDITOR

THE Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Org-anisation (Lauro) has stop-ped the sale of policies to the public by Oaklife Assurance because of concern about its compliance procedures. This is the second time in a few months that Lautro has suspended the company, based in Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, which has 20 branches

and manages £6.2 million.
The life company was briefly suspended last November.
The regulator became concerned about Oaklife's compliance procedures during a routine inspection.

Lautro held an extraordinary meeting on Tuesday at which it made an intervention order, instructing it to stop offering investment advice, selling new policies, ei-ther through the branches, appointed representatives or other means. The company had accepted the need for remedial action.

AMERICA turned in its best while exports fell 2.2 per cent trade performance for eight to \$36.13 billion and imports rose 2.3 per cent to \$42.07 billion, on the month. December was the second consecutive month of rising

The figures are bad news for the Bush administration, which is relying on strong export growth to pull the American economy out of the

During 1991, imports were reduced sharply by recession and exports remained at record levels, reaching \$421.9 billion, up from \$393.6 billion in 1990.

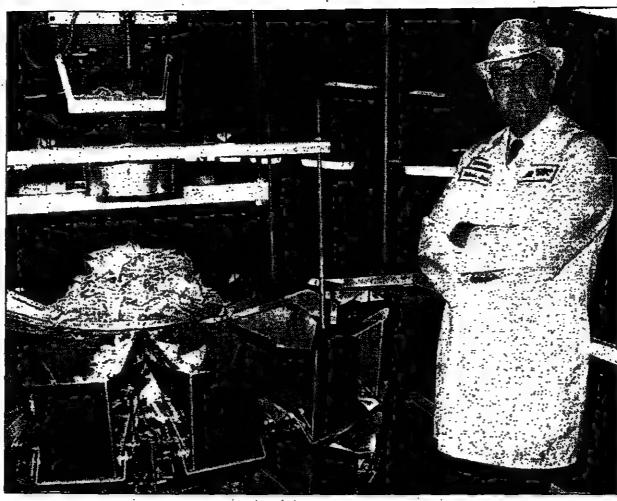
America's deficit on Japase trade stuck at a stubborn \$43.4 billion, up from \$41.1 billion in 1990. The imbalance, particular on cars, lay behind President George Bush's politically embarrass-ing delegation to Tokyo last

The second-largest deficit was recorded with China, with which the imbalance rose more than 20 per cent to \$12.69 billion. In contrast, American trade with Europe ran at a surplus, up from \$4 billion to \$16 billion.

The deficits with Japan and China have brought criticism from Mr Bush's political opponents, who say the two nations have built unfair trade barriers that are blocking the sale of American goods in

However, many private economists say trade barriers reflect only a small portion of the deficit, the bigger prob-lem being Americans' appetite for foreign goods.

The government also re-ported yesterday that jobless claims rose 18,000 in the first week of February as 452,000 Americans made first-time visits to unemployment of-fices. The rise was slightly worse than expected. Many analysts had predicted an increase of about 6,000, after two weeks of modest declines.



Crisp condition: Malcolm Jones, the chairman, at Benson's factory at Kirkham, Lancashire, yesterday

Shortages bite at Benson

POTATO shortages in the middle of last year led to a fall in profits at Benson Crischs. The problems associated with the shortages cost the group E300,000.

Benson, where Malcolm Jones is chairman, says the quality of old crop potanoes last June was extremely poor, while bad weather led to an industry-wide shortage of new crop poratoes in July. Prices therefore rose, yields fell and the group lost sales.

The group has responded by changing its pattern of forward buying of potatoes this year. Pre-tax profits fell so £1 million (£1.36 million) in the year to end-November on turnover of £26.3 million (£21.9 million). Earnings were 9.8p (12.5p) a share, but the final dividend stays at 2.15p, for a total of 2.85p (2.75p).

Throgmorton Trust makes amends and lifts dividend

Treasury minister who is now

chairman, said: "In a year of

falling earnings and divi-

dends for the economy as a

whole, the trust has been able

Sir lan said further

progress was made in disen-

gaging from investments in trading subsidiaries to return

the trust to its traditional role

of investment in smaller listed

companies. The shareholding

in Framlington Holdings, the

fund management group, was further reduced by 26 per cent to 49 per cent, raising £16.7 million. The balance

has been valued at £27.9

to increase its dividend without calling on reserves."

THROGMORTON Trust, which shocked investors by halving its previous final dividend, repaired some of the damage yesterday by an-nouncing a 12 per cent rise in the latest year end payment.

The investment trust is increasing the final dividend for the period to the end of November from 1.25p a share to 1.4p, making a total of 2.3p for the year, against 2.15p. Despite the increase. the overall payment is still short of the 3.18p dividend

paid for the year to the end of November 1989. Net asset value rose by 20 per cent from 58.5p a share to 70.2p. partly reversing the previous years 40 per cent

R Green Properties, a wholly owned subsidiary and the other major unlisted invest-Sir Ian Stewart, a former

ment, has been revalued at from £26.3 پنه from £26.3 million after the advance of additional loans during the

Throgmorton's gross income was £16.51 million, against £16.2 million. Net revenue slipped from E11.15 million before tax to E11.06 million and earnings were 2.63p a share, compared

with 2.65p.
Sir lan said: "The effects of the recession have yet to abate, but there is evidence of a modest revival in some sectors. Falling inflation and interest rates, and an anticipated economic upturn, hould in due course assist the profitability of smaller companies and improve mar-

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Ward knocked by £12m writedowns

WARD Holdings, the Kent housebuilder and property group, made a pre-tax loss of £14 million in the year to October 31, compared with a profit of £3.9 million the year before. This was after writedowns of £12.2 million against the value of Ward's development land bank (nil last time). There is no final dividend (2.1p), making 0.5p (2.6p). Two of the three divisions made losses.

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Housebuilding made a pre-tax and pre-exceptional loss of £3.4 million (£1 million profit). Losses in the plant hire business fell from £623,000 to £395,000. In the division that did make a positive contribution — commercial property investment and development property — pre-tax profits were £2 million, 43 per cent down. Denis Ward, the chairman, said the group's trading losses were the first in its history. He described the housebuilding market in 1991, particularly in the south-cast of England, as "fraught with difficulties". The shares fell 8p to 44p.

Colorgen in the black COLORGEN, a London-listed manufacturer of computer-

ised colour-matching machines based in Massachusetts, recorded its first interim profit. In the six months to December 31, the company earned pre-tax profits of \$83,000, compared with losses of \$332,000 last time. There is again no dividend. Net sales rose from \$2.38 million to \$3.93 million. John O'Brien, chairman, said trade continued to improve despite difficult conditions in the

Slowdown hits SWP

RECESSION in construction hit interim profits at SWP Group, maker and installer of timber, metal and glass components. In the six months to end-December, pre-tax profits fell from £520,000 to £31,000 and earnings from 1.4p to 0.1p. The company does not pay interim dividends. SWP's metalwork businesses, which serve industrial and commercial markets, suffered most. These markets are not expected to recover in 1992. Housing association work by Purpose Built, a subsidiary, could lift overall profitability.

Astra profit up 36%

ASTRA, a Swedish pharmaceuticals group, recorded a 36 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to Kr 3.41 billion (£326 million) in 1991, after sales of the company's Losec anti-ulcer drug more than doubled to Kr 3.03 billion. Sales of anti-asthma drugs were up 26 per cent, and gastrointestinal drug sales rose by 94 per cent to Kr3.22 billion. Capital expenditures, too, more than doubled, to Kr2.12 billion. The dividend was raised from Kr2.45 to Kr3.25. Total turnover was up from Kr9.42 billion to Kr 12.5 billion.

Daimler-Benz ahead

DAIMLER-BENZ, the German industrial group, says that 1991 group net profits will be higher than the previous year's DM1.8 billion. In an interim report, Daimler also said its cash flow last year was higher than 1990's DM6.71 billion. Group sales for 1991 rose to DM94.66 billion from DM85.5 billion. Strongest sales growth came from Germany, up 21.8 per cent. More than two thirds of group sales came from Mercedes and 14 per cent from AEG, the electronics subsidiary.

INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Professional secretaries take note!

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UK firms in airport contract

An Angio-Japanese consor tium of Trafalgar House Construction, Balfour Beatty, GEC-Marconi and Marubeni has won a contract to design a master plan for a rwo-runway international airport at Sepang. 30 miles south of Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia, and a high-speed train link to the capital. BAA is lead consultant for the

Coburn Optical

Cobuin Optical Industries, the Pilkington subsidiary that has been sold for \$40.25 million, was part of the eyecare business acquired from Revion in 1987 and accounted for only a small part of the total purchase price of £361 million. Visioncare, the American contact lens and speciacles husiness that comprises most of the interests acquired from Revion, is being retained by Pilkington. This corrects a mistake that appeared in some editions of The Times

Payout raised

T&N Holdings, the 51 per cent-owned South African offshoot of T&N, reports pre-tax profits of R18.8 million (£3.8 million), against R11.6 million. The Faul disidend in million. The final dividend is 16.5 cents, making 24 cents

Fairway rises

Fairway (London) lifted pretax profits from £1.05 million to £1.77 million last year and is paying a final dividend of 2.15p. making 3.15p (3p).

BNFL chief gives warning on France

By WOLFGANG MUNICIPAL **EUROPEAN BUSINESS** COMPRESSIONDESSI

THE outgoing chairman of British Nuclear Fuels (BNFL), the state owned processing group, has given a warning about France's growing supremacy in the European nuclear power industry and about the dangers of other countries becoming increasingly dependent on French electricity.
Sir Christopher Harding, who will retire from his post

after the forthcoming general election, said yesterday that European countries have failed to follow a consistent policy on nuclear power, with six supporting nuclear energy and another six which do not. This division has left France, the only country whose sup-port for nuclear energy has never faltered, as the strongest power in the industry.

Addressing a group of jour-nalists, he said: "I feel personally uncomfortable on being dependent on another country as a supplier of a basic have now got themselves into the position where they are the powerhouse of Europe."

France has substantial overcapacity, as a result of which it is a net exporter of energy, including to Britain, which is connected to the Of all European countries,

France has been most consistent in building up a mudear industry, a development that was helped significantly by the fact that French public opinion and France's leading political parties have consistently supported the develop-



Sir Christopher: worried

ment of a nuclear industry. France derives about 80 per cent of its energy needs from nuclear power, and the government plans to open a further seven plants this decade on top of 55 now operating. Sir Christopher said that efforts by the European Com-

mission to press ahead with a single and free market for energy, starting from next year, constituted an important development but added that this would require a coordinated policy approach, which is lacking at present. Under a recent directive

from the commission, EC states will have to open their electricity and gas markets to allow large customers to buy directly anywhere in the EC. Sir Christopher also held out the possibility that international moves to limit nuclear weapons could prove a boon for the fuel reprocessing industry, in that the civil industry could contribute to the disposal of military warheads, especially in the recovery of plutonium.

Yorkshire Chemicals tops £11 m

COTY EDITOR

YORKSHIRE Chemicals. the Leeds manufacturer of special colours and chemicals, defied the recession to lift pre-tax profits from £10.79 million to just over

Ell million in 1991. Phillip Lowe, the chairman, said he would be disappointed if there is not a further improvement in profits and earnings in the current year, even though world trading conditions remain

Sales rose 14 per cent to £92.8 million, of which only £7.2 million were in the UK. Shareholders collect a final dividend of 9.75p a share, giving them a total of 14.5p for the year. Ip more than in the previous year. There is also a one-for-one scrip issue, a move designed to improve

shares marketability.
All sections are said to have performed well although the speciality products and Australian divisions were particularly good. Mr Lowe said the group ended 1991 strongly. with sales in the final quarter 30 per cent higher. The balance sheet remains healthy, with net borrowings representing less than 5 per

cent of shareholders' funds. Even so. Yorkshire in-creased investment in capital and spending on acquisitions to £8.4 million over the year. In 1990, it was £2.8 million. This year it will be between E12 and E15 million. Mr Lowe said, with £10 million already sanctioned.

"Future growth will depend increasingly on investment in new plant and buildings incorporating the latest technology," he said.

Steetley taunts 'pedestrian' Redland

By MARTIN WALLER

STEETLEY, the building materials group facing a £620 million bid from Redland, has hit back at the bidder's "pedestrian performance" and alleged that it is over-reliant on "financial engi-

Richard Miles, Steetley's chief execu-. tive, claims Redland depends 100 much on the Braas operation in Germany, of which it owns 51 per cent. Steetley. estimates that Brans provided almost half Redland's profits in 1991, at a time when the German economy is heading into a decline and the German building materials market is turning down. Steedey's first defence document lays out several comparisons between the two companies that are unfavourable to Redland. However, Steetley is saving its main ammunition, an up-to-date estimate of asset values, until later in the bid. It will return to the onslaught as soon as . the Redland bid can be deared by the Office of Fair Trading, probably in a week's time.

The document taunts Redland over losses estimated to be as high as £50 million from an ill-fated foray into plasterboard and over substantial issues of shares. Steetley says that if the all-shares bid succeeds at the current price, Redland's issued share capital will be 72 per cent bigger than a year ago. Mr Miles claims that stripping out contributions - tainted by financial engineering."

from Braas, Redland's operating profits fell 56 per cent over the past three years as the building materials industry entered recession. That decline is seven percentage points greater than that suffered by Steetley.

He says Redland has 30 weeks of brick stocks at its works, more than twice the amount held by Steetley, and while Redland's investment in bricks has been heavy, its production costs remain high and its market share has fallen.

"Redland's vulnerable German subsidiary simply masks the faltering performance of their other businesses." Mr Miles says. "The real Redland story is of pedestrian performance and earnings

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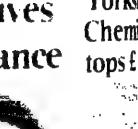
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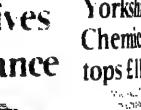
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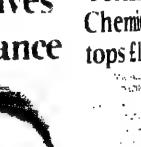
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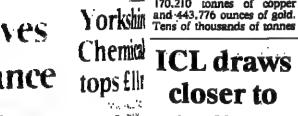
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said on Wednesday night. Ok Tedi Mining Ltd (OTML) nier-Benzaheal are Australia's Broken Hill Pty and Amoco Minerals with 30 per cent each, while Germany's Degussa and Metallgesellschaft have 7.5 per cent each. The govern-ment of Papua New Guinea holds 20 per cent and the German government 5 per





Concern on Zantac slims Glaxo shares and weakens FT-SE

BY MARTIN WALLER

SHARES in Glaxo Holdings, sales were just 6 per cent the pharmaceutical group higher after allowing for currency movements, sparking a sharp fall to below £8 a share. that enjoys the biggest capitalisation on the London stock market, took a sharp By the day's close, however, numble, dragging the key FT-SE 100 share index lower the price had recovered to \$16p, a fall of just 10p, as analysis took the view that with them at one time, after the company revealed some, much of the disappointing outturn was the result of onefigures for its Zantac drug. off factors.

Call to phase out

Ok Tedi mining

FROM REUTER IN AMSTERDAM

WASTE from the giant Ok

Tedi gold and copper mine in the highlands of Papua New

Guinea is a major threat to the South Pacific nation's en-

vironment, the Amsterdam-

based International Water

safely store the waste, its oper-

ations should be phased out. the jury of the unofficial envi-

ronmental watchdog body

Corporate shareholders of

In 1990, the mine, one of

the world's largest, produced 170,210 tonnes of copper

If no way can be found to

Tribunal (IWT) has ruled.

Explosive growth from The interim dividend was raised by 41 per cent, from 4.25p to 6p, but Dr Ernest Mario, Glaxo's deputy chair-man and chief executive, said Zantac, the anti-ulcer compound, has been the main factor behind Glaxo's emergence as the world's secondbiggest drug company. But that much of the rise was to Glaxo, unveiling pre-tax profiron out the discrepancy beits up by £86 million to £709 tween the halfway and final million in the six months to payments. The group would end-December, said Zantac eventually aim to pay about a

of mine waste dumped daily

the watchdog said.

half figures for last year. had required a 2 per cent price cut from January 1, and

wholesalers had therefore run down stocks by deferring pur-chases into the new year. Since January 1 there had been signs of an improve-ment in that market ment in that market. Dr Mario said that of the 18 per cent real growth in turnover across the group, almost all had come from organic growth rather than pushing up prices. "There has been considerable criticism of pharmaceutical com-panies, that they have been increasing their prices at a rate that isn't appropriate. That isn't the case for Glaxo."

third of the total at halfway.

Dr Mario said lower prices

in the two most important

markets for Zantac, America

and Italy, had held back total

sales. In America the group

had been forced to make dis-

counts totalling \$60 million in the price of the drug to patients on Medicaid, the low-income medical programme in the second half of

calendar 1991. This dis-

counting therefore flattered the comparable set of first-

In Italy, further legislation

in the Ok Tedi River have disrupted the river's ecosys-tem, causing flooding and hitting subsistence fishing. The company was therefore not vulnerable to further enforced squeezes on prices, he shareholders . . . should ensaid. "I don't see the US sure that the company fulfils moving towards price con-trols — I don't think there's any real groundswell of supstandards for environmental protection comparable to the ones that are enforced in their port for that."

home countries," it said. The company's most prom-The case was brought to the ising new compounds are tribunal by the Wau Ecology Zofran, an anti-emetic freat-Institute of Papua New ment projected to achieve sales of £250 million this year; OTML declined to partici-Imigran, an and-migraine pate in the tribunal, which drug where Glaxo claims to receives financial backing be as much as five years from the European Commuahead of the competition, and Serevent, used to treat asthnity and several European ma. The latter has seen delays governments, but whose findings are not legally binding. in gaining medical bodies The company rejected simi-lar criticism levelled against it approval and Dr Mario said he thought clearance might

come from America in 12 to

24 months time.

Non-attender: Gustave Leven, former Perrier chairman, was missing from the board meeting

Perrier board rejects Nestlé bid

Banque Indosuez, the Cie de Suez merchant bank subsid-

iary. The board said that on Wednesday all but one member attending a meet-

Paris—The board of Source ing voted against the Perrier has rejected a take-over bid by Nestle and offer. Philippe Jaffre, mannot clear why M Leven aging director of Credit Agricole, the farm bank, fa-

voured the rakeover. Gustave Leven, the former Perrier chairman who was replaced by Jacques Vincent

failed to attend. The vote by the Perrier board was not a surprise. M Vincent has repeatedly rejected the bid. Perrier's board had al-

a statement the next day dismissing the bid.

The board said Perrier's intrinsic value was worth Indosuez offer, which it said aimed to dismantle the Per-

Bespak to pay £33 m for US company

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

BESPAK, the manufacturer of aerosol valves for asthma medication and perfume bottles, has launched its second rights issue in eight months. The group is buying Tenax Holdings, an American moulder of plastic medical. surgical and pharmaceutical components and devices, for £32.8 million.

The acquisition is being partially financed by a threefor-eight rights issue at 410p a share, which will raise £25 5 million. The issue is underwritten by Schroders and the broker is de Zoete & Bevan. The balance of the payment will come from bank borrowings. Bespak's shares rose 3p

10 504p.
Shareholders are promised a final dividend of 5.5p. making 9p (8p). The group is forecasting pre-tax profits of not less than £6 million for the year to May 1, which is the equivalent of 23p of carnings.

The group announced a 315p to raise £10.9 million last June. Robert King, chairman, said: "When we did that rights issue we had no idea that this opportunity was going to occur. If we had, we would have postponed that issue. Tenax is an outstanding opportunity for us. It's a beautiful fit and the majority of our institutional sharehold-

ers are very happy about it".

The deal will extend the group's customer base.

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By WOLFGANG MUNCHAU EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

closer to

Fujitsu

ICL, the British computer company, is to merge some of its operations in Asia and America with Fujitsu of Japan, which owns 80 per cent of ICL's shares. The decision is part of the growing integration between the two companies since Fujitsu took control in 1990.

The deal encompasses operations with sales worth about \$700 million. In North America, the companies will form a new group, Fujitsu-ICL Systems, which will be under ICL's management control. In Australasia, a new company is to be formed under Fujitsu's management control, which will include ICL's operation in the region.

There is also limited integration of the companies' European operations, with the creation of Fujitsu Systems Business, to be run by ICL management, with the aim of marketing two Fujitsu product ranges. It will be a wholly owned subsidiary of

A spokesman for ICL said yesterday that the moves would result in some redundancies, but the company did not expect large-scale job

Kvaerner to shed 400 jobs at Govan

THE loss of almost 1,000

more jobs across British industry was confirmed

by a German parliamentary

delegation last year. Environmentalists say the waste also

threatens Australia's Great

esterday. Kvaerner, the Norwegian shipbuilding group, said it planned to shed 400 temporary staff from its 2,000 strong workforce at the Kvaerner Govan shipyard on Clydeside this year.

Also near Glasgow, the Hoover company announced 162 redundancies at its Cambuslang vacuum cleaner plant, blaming the "increasingly difficult climate".
The impact of the recession

on the service sector was driven home by job losses at insurance companies. Bifu, the finance trade union, said 200 jobs were to go at the



Dragebo: won order

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent Royal Liver insurance company. Half would be at the Liverpool head office.

Norwich Union is also to shed 200 staff with the closure of its network of 66 small offices across Britain.

The reduction in the number of temporary workers at Govan comes after another year of losses at the yard. A spokesman for Kvaerner said Govan was expected to break even this year, but efficiency gains were expected to lead to the cut in the workforce.

In December, Steinar Dragebo, the yard's managing director, succeeded, against tough competition, in winning a £200 million order for four chemical tankers that will keep the yard busy until Reduced losses at Govan

helped Kvaerner, the biggest

shipbuilder in Europe and the largest Norwegian employer in Britain, to lift pretax profits by 5.4 per cent, to Kr 1.1 billion (£97.6 million) in the year to end-December. The group, which is listed on the London Stock Exchange, lifted revenues by 41 per cent to NKr 18.7 billion

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The board will propose a dividend of Kr 3 (0.27p) a share, up from Kr 2.75.

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Pension equality increases By Sara McConnell

THREE-QUARTERS of company pension schemes had equalised pension ages for men and women by the end of last year, up from 53 per cent in 1990, the National Association of Pension

It questioned 778 companies for its annual survey of occupation schemes, published yesterday. Of those that have equal retirement ages for men and women. 57 per cent opted to make women work live years longer, until 65. Allowing the whole workforce to retire at 60 was favoured by only 32 per cent, while 6 per cent chose 63 as the age of equalisation and 6 per cent chose 62. The European

change in 1990 that pensions were part of pay and that there should be no discrimination between men and women. Since the judgment, companies have been moving towards an equal pension age. Others are waiting until the government has

equalised state pension ages. The association's survey also shows that nine out of ten scheme members automatically receive annual increases in their pensions. compared with 85 per cent in 1990. When the 1990 Social Security Act comes into force, all schemes will be required to increase pensions annually in line with the retail price index up to a maximum of 5 per cent a year. A further 9 per cent of pen-

sions in payment are re-

viewed annually. The number of schemes that include members as trustees remained fairly constant, at 59 per cent, last year, but Brian MacMahon, the association's chairman, expected member representation to increase after the plundering of pension funds by the late Robert Maxwell.

He said: "There has been no increase in the past year, but the research for the survev was completed before Maxwell broke. We expect to see a shift, with a lot more schemes taking an interest in having members on the board. Maxwell will make a lot of people who were happy with having employers choose schemes start to think it is better for the members to be involved."

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Glaxo still healthy as glory days fade

GIVEN that one pound in every four spent on Glaxo Holdings' products is spent in America, it is hardly surprising that when the American market sneezes. investors are inclined to catch a cold. But yesterday's initial sharp fall in the Glaxo share price on the back of poor sales figures from Zantae, its main money-spin-ner, was clearly overdone.

Glaxo investors are understandably littery. Even at yesterday's closing price, down 10p at 816p, the shares have shown a 78 per cent rise over the past year. Yesterday's fall came after

respectable interim results, showing pre-tax profits up 14 per cent at £709 million. Zantac sales, however, showed a rise of just 6 per cent, little more than a half of analysts' expectations. While this was balanced by better than expected sales of other compounds, some feared that sales of Glaxo's wonder

drug had stopped growing.
Sales were held back by
two one-off factors. In America, where it is believed that drug companies make too much profit the industry was forced to discount to Medicaid patients, while in Italy, the second-biggest market, price cuts from January l saw wholesalers destocking at the end of the year.

Group sales, however, rose 18 per cent, stripping out currency factors, of which currency factors, of which just I percentage point came from price rises. Zantac accounted for 45 per cent of these, and a higher proportion of profits, but investors are looking to three newer compounds for growth. Steve Plag, of County NatWest, expects £1.41 billion pre-tax this year, while Robin Gilbert at James Capel is looking for £1.44

Capel is looking for £1.44 billion. The shares therefore sell on a rating of 25 times' future profits, helping to make Glaxo the biggest company by capitalisation on the stock market.



Fit for the future: Ernest Mario, chief executive of Glaxo Holdings, yesterday after announcing results

With as much as a third of the equity in American hands, further Wall Street selling could make the shares vulnerable in the short term. Longer term, although Glaxo's glory days are prob-ably over, the shares remain a firm hold.

Bespak

SMALL manufacturing com-panies overly dependent on a single customer are not the the City these days, but if the customer is Glazo and the manufacturing company is Bespak, it's a different matter. One glance at the

few years suggests that the recession has almost passed

The group's growth is re-flected in the share price. At 504p, up 3p, it is only 10 per cent off its five-year high of 556p, which it achieved last month. It is hardly surpris-ing that Bespak's directors have decided to capitalise on this strength by making a this strength by making a three-for-eight rights issue at 410p to raise £25.5 million.

The money is being raised for the acquisition of Tenax Holdings Corporation. The price is £32.8 million, roughly 12 times' earnings. Currently, 40 per cent of Bespak's sales are to Glam.

After this deal that will fall to 25 per cent.

The group has forecast a final dividend of 5.5p, which will make 9p for the year to May 1, an increase of 12.5 per cent. The group is forecasting pre-tax profits of not less than £6 million for the current year, in line with analysts' forecasts.

The deal looks a sensible The deal looks a sensible one for Bespak at a price which is not too high. However, at 504p, the shares are highly valued and, on a theoretical ex-rights price of 478p, they are trading on 14.9 times' next year's earnings. The company's track record is a good one and it is record is a good one and it is

operating in a strong market with a good geographical spread, but the rate of growth in the share price seen during the last 12 months is unlikely to be duplicated in the next 12

Shareholders may want to take up their rights to avoid dilution, while non-share-holders may want to take advantage of the inevitable

Provident Financial

JOHN van Kuffeier is still

of Brown Shipley, the mini-merchant bank, to move to the other end of the financial spectrum as chief executive of Provident Financial, the door-to-door credit group.

Despite the size of the leap, Mr van Kuffeler appcars to have made a smart move. Provident's pre-tax profits may have fallen 6 per cent to £34.1 million last year, but the group is in far better financial shape than Brown Shipley, which has suffered badly in the

The collected credit businesses, who lend and recover small loans through door-to door agents at astronomical interest rates, have proved resistant to the bad debts suffered by larger institu-

Provisions have risen by 30 er cent, as some customer asked for more time to pay. but profits in the collected credit division still rose.

The group suffered greater division. Car Care Plan, the second-hand car warranty company, suffered a loss of [1.4 million as claims rose. Mr van Kuffeler has hinted that it may be sold.

Halifax, the motor under-writer, and Colonnade, the high street broker, also had difficulties and are the main causes of the fall in group

struck a more confident note than most in recent months, and the City is forecasting a heathy rise in profits this year to £41 million. The forecasts and Mr van Kuffeler's breezy presenta-tion were enough to push the shares up 16p to 486p, placing them on a p/e ratio of nine. Provident Financial is a rock to cling to in a sector that has been severely bat-

US blue chips rise on hopes of cut in rates

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opened modestly higher as investors speculated that a larger than expected rise in weekly unemployment claims could put pressure on the Federal Reserve to ease interest rates again. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 11.68 points, or 0.37 per cent, to 3,242.

Frankfurt — Shares ended above 1.700 for the first time in eight months, lifted by gains in Daimler, the firmer dollar and technical buying before today's expiration of DTB options. The Dax index closed 15.39 points, or 0.9 per cent, higher at 1,703.18. ☐ Hong Kong — Prices finished slightly easier in quieter trading but sharp, early losses were largely reversed by late bargain-hunting. The Hang Seng index fell 9.7 points to close at 4,716 after slipping to a low of 4,681.65.

☐ Singapore — The market closed mixed after selective bargain-hunting alternated with profit-taking in active trading, brokers said. The Straits Times industrial index ended at 1,513.27. up 2.05

Tokyo closes firmer

Tokyo - Prices ended firmer on hopes for lower interest rates after January's money supply growth fell to its lowest ever and the Bank of Japan sold dollars. The Nikkei index rose 153.62 points, or 0.75 per cent, to 20,771.92.

The day's turnover dropped to about 190 million shares, compared with 205 million shares on Wednesday. However, brokers said trading remained listless, with investors wary of poor corporate profits, political instability and institutional selling. A foreign broker said financial institutions and foreigners joined futures-linked programs to buy, but the institutional activity was more to support the market than to invest.

Rising shares outnum-bered falling shares by five to four, with 499 higher, 394 lower and 213 unchanged. Toshiba fell Y27 to Y596, but other electricals were mixed.

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Balance	Gross Rate % p.a."
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£500+	8.00
Below £500	4.00

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Balance	Gross Rate % p.a.*
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£10,000+	6.00
£5,000+	5.50
£1+	1.50 (unchanged)

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Balance	Gross Rate % p.a.*
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POSITIVE VIEW

Shell share price falls after annual results disappoint

AFTER the decline in BP's share price, it was Shell's turn to take a battering in the wake of a poor set of figures. The shares suffered some profit-taking, falling 15p to 440p, on a heavy volume of 30 million shares. Irene Himona, an oil analyst at Strauss Turnbull, said

after the results from Shell: after the results from Shell:
"We are advising a sell down
to 400p." She described the
figures as "extremely disappointing", saying the main
focus will be on the dividend.
She added: "The market
was focusing on the dividend
and the increase of just 4 per

and the increase of just 4 per cent in the total was a clear signal to the market. It was very disappointing. Conditions are poor. Earnings are under pressure from weak oil prices and the recession." Strauss has cut its forecast of dividend growth, with "be-tween 3 per cent and 4 per cent expected for the next couple of years, against a market average of 7 per cent

or so".

Elsewhere in the sector, which has been unsettled as the oil price continued to fall after Opec's attempts at reaching an agreement on production quotas, there were some recoveries. BP made up some of its lost ground, adding 3p to 254p, while Enterprise gained 8p to 400p, Hardy Oil 10p to 118p and Lasmo, which topped 320p at the time of the Ultramar bid, rose 5p to 202p.

Meanwhile, the recent mal-

Meanwhile, the recent mal-aise continued to grip the London market as the City digested the latest economic figures which confirmed the economy had shrunk for the sixth quarter in succession. An 18-point rise in the FT-SE 100 was soon wiped out as an initial shake out in the drugs sector started some end-ac-count profit-taking. Shares in London staged a partial recovery after a strong start on Wall Street, with the Dow Jones industrial average surg-ing to an early gain of more ing to an early gain of more than 40 points.

levels, with signs of selective buying, many analysts in London appeared to be more before last night's annual dinner for analysts. The FT-SE 100 index, which was down more than 5 points at one time, ended 6.7 higher at 2,543.4. while the FT index of 30 shares added 14.1 points to 1,989.4. Volume, boosted by Shell and Glaxo, reached a relatively healthy 593.6 million. Government securities ended E4 firmer.

Early market sentiment was depressed by Glaze, Brit-

of profits. Glaxo's shares were up and down like a yo-yo.

After an initial rise of 24p before the figures, the shares fell below 790p, then support from America, where more than a quarter of Glaxo shares are held, helped them to partly recover to close 10p lower at 816p. Turnover reached 15 million shares. Andrew Porter, at Nikko, the Japanese securities house, remains positive on Glaxo

Others in the pharmaceuticals sector weakened in sympathy. Fisous eased 1p to

Speculation is mounting again about W Canning, the speciality chemicals and electronic controls group, unchanged at 146p. The suggestion now is that Wardle Storeys, the plastics and safety equipment group, has been looking at Canning. Wardle Storeys eased 1p to 331p.

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ain's biggest company, which fell despite a 14 per cent improvement in first-half profits. The drugs group released disappointing figures for its top-selling Zantac anti-ulcer drug. Despite a healthy 41 per cent increase in the interim dividend, on earnings up 14 per cent, some analysis were disappointed with Zan-

tac's real growth of about 6 per cent, against expectations of between 9 and 14 per cent. Zantac, which is the world's most widely prescribed pharmaceutical, accounts for 45 per cent of group turnover and an estimated 70 per cent

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RECENT ISSUES

372p. after 365p. and Well-come lost 5p to £11.08. I mith Hine Beechsm. which has figures out next week, saw its A shares recover from a 5½p fall to close 8½p higher at 933p. Shares in Yorkshire Chemical jumped by 36p to 644p as better than expected results were accompanied by a one-for-one scrip issue. Shares in Bespak, the acro-

sol and plastic mouldings group, initially dropped on news of a £25.5 million cash call, at a deeply discounted 410p, to help finance a £32.8 million American acquisition. But they recovered,

profits and dividend forecast. Bruce Davidson, at Smith New Court, reiterated the broker's positive view on Rothmans, the tobacco and luxury goods group. He anticipates good profit opportunities for the tobacco industry in eastern Europe and Australasia and says the group has substantial cash resources, estimated at about 6800 million, to exploit these. In addition, Rothmans has some valuable assets in the form of controlling holdings in Carrier and Dunhill.

Mr Davidson said that even if the recently talked of European advertising ban actually materialised, it would have a limited effect, boosting the group's short-term cash He added that the in-

creases in British tobacco taxation in the Budget would have a "relatively small" effect

on the group.

Barclays de Zoete Wedd was said to have shifted from a sell to a hold. Rothmans' B shares, which were already stronger on Wall Street's overnight performance, rose 23p to £10.81.

A Kleinwort recommenda-tion boosted BAA, up 5p to 578p, while a variety of other brokers' recommendations helped BAT, 6p higher at 659p, Vodafone, 3½p higher at 350½p, and Unilever, 8p stronger at 955p. Grand Me-tropolitan rose 3½p to 954½p, before a Florida pre-sentation.

sentation.

Steedley, the building products group, off op to 382p, again urged shareholders to reject the £629 million bid from Redland, down 2p to

Dowty Group was again a firm market, with the shares adding 2p to 120p, on a volume of 6.9 million shares, boosted by reports of an agen-cy cross at 117p and some Greencore eased 3p to

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Strong Shell

and risky BP

hell's conservative dividend increase of 4 per cent makes BP's decision to award its own

Shareholders a rise of 4.5 per cent, leaving

dividends uncovered by earnings, look decidedly risky. Shell will be as disappointed as its many

followers with the 33 per cent decline in net income

in 1991. But compared with the collapse in BP's net

income from £1.68 billion to £415 million Shell's figures were packed with good news.

On a replacement cost basis, which irons out the

impact of gains and losses on stockholdings, Shell's

4 per cent downturn compares favourably with BP's

14 per cent fall. Shell also boasts what is probably

the strongest balance sheet in the oil sector on either

side of the Atlantic. Gearing stands at just 11 per cent and even after capital expenditure of £6.5 billion, an outlay that is to be matched this year,

there was a positive cash flow of £1.5 billion.

The capital spend at BP was £4.5 billion, resulting in a net cash outflow of £1.1 billion and gearing of

just below 80 per cent which Bob Horton, BP's

chairman, conceded was on the limit of acceptable

levels. The companies differ also on their view of oil

price trends this decade. BPs Horton remains convinced that oil will rise steadily towards \$25 a.

barrel as Opec struggles to meet the investment required to bridge the gap between supply and demand. At Shell, Sir Peter Holmes is in no doubt

that Opec will find the money and that in the

absence of a regional crisis in the Middle East oil

will trade within a range of \$17 and \$22, rising or

Only time will tell who is right. Shell would be

delighted if BP is proved correct higher oil prices

will have a dramatic impact on earnings. But Shell's

scenario must be deeply worrying for BP, which needs an active oil market into which it can sell

assets to fund its growing capital requirements. BP may soon regret its generosity to shareholders. Shell

shares slipped 15p to 440p yesterday while BP gained 3p to 254p after a wretched run. The revival may prove short-lived.

Share power

he consensus on the virtues of active indi-

welcome — that mom's apple pie looks controversial by comparison. Market forces offer the

main note of dissent. Schemes such as PEPs are rapidly engulfed by the public's rational pre-

ference for unit trusts or other managed port-

folios. The two should grow together, but it is pointless to pretend that an individual with less

than, say, £5,000 of free savings should seriously think-of building a portfolio of stocks. Individual holdings of less than £1,000 are uneconomic both

for the company and, in terms of dealing costs, for

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Recession officially confirmed as longest and deepest since the Thirties

Lessons for Mr Major from the slump of 60 years ago

en days ago the prime minister lifted the pre-elec-toral temperature a further degree or two by agreeing that 1.25 million public sector workers would receive the pay increases awarded by their review body in full. From doctors to dentists, soldiers to sailors, Mr Major was ordering above inflation pay rises all round.

The decision to pay these in-creases was taken with the prime minister all too aware of the statistical minefield that lay ahead. Unemployment rising above 2.6 million, house repossessions running at 72,000 a year and, perhaps above all, yesterday's confirmation that Britain's gross domestic product last year fell by 2.5 per cent, the biggest fall since the great depression of the

Knowing that such a fall would refocus attention on the most famous slump in history, Mr Major — a stickler when it comes to research must have been giving the events of 60 years ago serious thought. In-deed, the public sector pay award suggests that its lessons are already being applied.

There is no doubt that in 1931 Ramsay MacDonald would have had an easier time as prime minister had his response to financial Nemesis been to grant real pay increases to public-sector workers. Instead, he ordered big pay cuts for teachers, police and the armed forces, together with a reduction in unemployment benefit.

The results might well have persuaded Mr Major not to follow a similar path. For not only was Mr MacDonald faced with riots among the unemployed, whose benefit was to be cut by two shillings to 15 shillings a week for men and 13 shillings for women. Pay cuts of up to a quarter for the armed services prompted a brief but historic mutiny by naval ratings of the Atlantic Fleet stationed at Invergordon, whose daily rate was chopped from four shillings to three shillings. A military victory may have ensured one recent election success, but a mutiny? The prime minister must be hoping that pay rises of up to 7.9 per cent, not forgetting that fourth Trident submarine, have quelled any new rebellion. However, deciding what other lessons to draw from 1931 cannot be easy for Mr Major and his advisers. While there are obvious parallels — sliding output and rising unemployment (by July 1931, there were 2.7 million unemployment) ployed) - there is one vital difference. The government shouldering the blame for the country's economic woes was a Labour one.

Mr Major will be hoping that the fate of the incumbent government will not provide a further parallel with 1931. Although Mr MacDonald abandoned virtually, all of his party's socialist principles, as the economic situation worsened, and in August resigned to form a coalition National Government, the mud stuck. The Labour party disowned Mr MacDonald but it could not disown the recession. At the



Tough times: a crowd protesting against unemployment clashes with police in London in 1931

October election, Labour was savaged; its number of seats fell from 288 to 52.

As the world's economies tectered towards collapse, investors lost confidence in paper currencies, including sterling. In an increasingly unsafe world (by February, 5 million were unemployed in Germany) what they wanted instead was gold, to which Winston Churchill had recommitted the British currency six vears earlier.

Sir Montagu Norman - who as Governor of the Bank of England had earlier in the year cut interest rates to a 22-year low of 2.5 per cent issued warnings that national bankruptcy was near. The decision to abandon the gold standard was taken on September 20. It prompted a 30 per cent devaluation of sterling, scenes of near-panic out-side the Bank and the closure of the Stock Exchange for two days.

Just as Mr Major has had to grow accustomed to having his interest rate policy controlled by the Bundesbank, so the men at the helm in 1931 had become used to outside interference. Indeed, the pay cuts that provoked riot and mutiny were a condition of loans to the Bank of England from the Bank of France and the New York Federal Reserve.

Such overt external interference proved too much for the Labour cabinet, except for Mr MacDonald. Something had to go and Mr MacDonald decided it should be the

where fair one does not exist

government. His decision to resign must have been eased by the knowledge that he would remain prime minister at the head of a coalition, with Stanley Baldwin, the Tory leader, as his No. 2.

Then, as now, economic revival was thought to depend on the consumer. In January, John Maynard Keynes broadcast an impas-sioned plea for the private sector to do its bit: "Oh, patriotic housewives of Britain, sally out tomorrow early of Britain, sally out tomorrow early into the streets and go to the wonderful sales that are everywhere advertised. You will do yourselves good, for things were never so cheap, cheap beyond your dreams. And have the added joy that you are... bringing a chance and hope to Lancashire, Yorkshire and Belfast." Provided, of course, that they hought British. Eleven months later. bought British. Eleven months later, the Prince of Wales lent his voice to

the Buy British campaign.
Britain's consumers did eventually respond to their exhortations but. just as Mr Major has discovered 60 years on, far more slowly than the government of the day desired. For those who remained in work, technological advance drove consumer demand. Houses, cars and the new world of domestic appliances created mass markets. From 1934, GDP was back on an upward and buoyant path. Mr Major will bank on history, at least in that respect, repearing itself - but quicker. MATTHEW BOND

Norman: financial overlord

Forecast returns to haunt the PM

hen John Major admitted in November 1990 that Britain was in a recession he said it would be the briefest and shallowest downturn on record. His prediction was that it would last six months; the economy would stabilise in the first half of 1991. then rebound at an astonishing annual rate of 4.3 per cent. That would have been without precedent, for the two previous recessions since the second world war had each lasted at least a year and been followed by prolonged periods of sluggish con-valescence rather than by rapid return to healthy growth rates.

Mr Major and his Treasury advisers, still flushed by their successes in managing the economy during the Eighties, were supremely self-confi-dent. In the event, Mr Major's prediction turned out to be right in just one respect. The Major-Lamont recession has won a place in the statistical record books, but not of the kind that chancellors relish.

Yesterday's GDP figures officially confirmed the present recession as the longest in post-war history.

GDP excluding North Sea oil and gas output, the most comprehensive measure of activity in the British economy, has fallen for six successive quarters. In the previous longest recession, that of 1980-1, non-oil GDP fell for five quarters, on the basis of new estimates released for the first time yesterday; if the outputbased figures used hitherto by government statisticians are emp that decline lasted only four.

nstead of the 0.5 per cent growth predicted 15 months ago by Mr Major, GDP declined last year by a record 2.5 per cent, including the North Sea, and 2.7 per cent excluding offshore production. Not only were these the biggest annual declines on record; they exceeded the most pessimistic private fore-

Unfortunately, these records are not just statistical curlosities. Every tenth of a percentage point off GDP means the loss of about 20,000 jobs. If GDP has fallen more sharply than the 2.1 per cent decline forecast in the last autumn statement three months ago, the clear implication is that the government's policies have been more deflationary than intended and that many businesses and consumers are going to retrench further, now that their hopes of

recovery have been dashed. The quarterly GDP figures yesterday showed that, far from "bumping along the bottom", the economy has been falling since last spring. There has not even been a slowdown in the rate of decline - in each of the past three quarters, non-oil GDP has contracted by 0.4 per cent.

Sooner or later, this recession will end. Yesterday's statistics, however, contained nothing to suggest that the end is in sight.

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THE TIMES

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REA Brothers, the merchant

bank, has just poached al-

most the entire investment management team from English Trust, a fund management group once part of a Scandinavian bank. The team, comprising fund managers Alan Arscott, ex-Spencer Thornton and Rowe & Pitman, Kate Williams and Andrew Begbie, also ex-Rowe & Pitman, started at Rea Brothers this week, and they increase the number of fund managers employed there to 11. Arscott has been made a director of Rea Brothers Investment Management, Beg-bie an assistant director and Williams a senior manager. "They have brought sufficient business with them to make them marginally cash-posi-tive from the start." Jo Welman, managing director of the investment management division, says. The bank is, he explains, targeting its services at small and medium-sized institutions, with client funds at present ranging from £50,000 to more than £20 million. "A typical client would be a local authority trust fund with £4 million or £5 million to invest," Welman says. "We think there is a niche in the market for someone to offer a personal, professional service to the type of fund in whom the larger fund managers have no

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Modesty forbids

AFTER revelations about Richard Branson's early school days, chronicled by Richard Vickers, his prep school headmaster, in Nearly



"So, why aren't we selling more Zantac?"

week, it comes to light that elsewhere in the book there is a reference to another distinguished old boy of Scaitcliffe School, Surrey. Lord Palumbo, chairman of the Arts Council, was, according to Vickers: "A model of industry academically and a superb games player. He followed his time with us with an extremely successful career at Eton. He became a member of Pop and enjoyed an accolade in The Times for his soccer playing. Despite this, he was very humble and remains so modest you would never know he had achieved anything."

Barker aboard

AFTER two months out of work, Elizabeth Barker, a corporate financier, aged 36, returned to the Square Mile this week, as an associate director of Panmure Gordon. Barker, known for her expertise with smaller companies - she helped float Hornby and Capita - was with CL-Laing for 15 years as a corporate finance director. a Century, published this until October when she was

one of half a dozen employees made redundant. "People think it must be wonderful to have two months off, but it is not. Outplacement consultants are always saying you have to work at finding a new job 40 hours a day and that is absolutely true," says Barker, who spent some of the time doing consultancy work for Elderstreet, the venture capi-

AN ADVERTISEMENT in the window of an electrical appliance showroom in Sherborne, Dorset, reads: "How old is your dishwashwritten : "He'll be 52 next

Hayes on wheels ROGER Hayes, the public

relations man who turned his back on Hayes Macleod, his PR consultancy, in November, to become a vice-president of Ford Europe, responsible for all external communications and government relations, has discovered an unusual but not altogether surprising perk of the job - cars. Given the seniority of his position -- he has 100 staff under his command - he has been given the use of three company cars. One, a Jaguar, is driven by his wife. Maggie Eales, ITN's foreign editor, the second, a Fiesta, has been left at their newly purchased holi-day home in the Lot et Garonne region of France, while the third, a Sierra Cosworth, has been commandeered by Hayes himself, for personal daily use. "It's great," he says enthusiastical-

CAROL LEONARD

ly. "It's a real boy racer

BUSINESS LETTERS Outhwaite settlement imperfect

From the Chairman of the Outhwaite Members' Agents'

Sir, Your correspondent, Mr Langton (February 14), thinks that the proposed Outhwaite settlement is unfair. At an early stage the members of the syndicate were split into two groups, those led by Mr Nutting who supported the litigation and contributed to its costs and those who did not.

în 1987, a standstill agreement was put in place to protect the interests of all the members of the syndicate. Twelve months ago, it was decided for good reasons that notice would be served on all non-lingating members of our intention to cancel this agreement. A letter advising non-litigating names was sent out with the notice in the early part of March, 1991. The non-inigating members had three months in which to make up their minds and were recommended to seek independent legal advice including being given the name of the solicitors managing the case on behalf of the 1982 Names

Association. Therefore, from July 1, when the standstill arrangements came to an end, the equity that might have existed between the two groups of members ceased to exist. The legal sentement that was reached last week is clearly an imperfect solution to a problem where a fair one does not exist. Many years ago we would have tried to resolve problems amongst ourselves without recourse to the law.

If the Council had chosen to remove the apparent "unfairness" by paying money from Lloyd's central funds (not the central fund) there would have been an outcry, fully justified in my view, from the balance of the membership who are simply not involved directly in this case.

There exists a third small group being the directors of underwriting agency companies who were also members of the fated syndicate. In the current climate of continuing suggestions of "insider dealing" within Lloyd's, it would have been preposterous for the Council of Lloyd's to make arrangements to compensate these Shareholder action individuals if the funds were to be drawn from Lloyd's central From Mr J. N. Stevens

I agree with Mr Langton that and, pleasant people as they are, executives. This country the time has come to find a needs an organisation that There is a danger that our no more than they need to, and into making performance and companions and into making performance. legal settlement certainly is not. given for nothing. In Ameri-Yours faithfully,

JOHN HEYNES, Chairman of the Outhwaite Members' Agents' Panel, 40 Lime Street, EC3.

Ever Sure loss From Mr D. H. Evers Sir, Your report (February 20) on the open years of account of Syndicate 384 is inaccurate so far as it relates to the 1990 and 1991 accounts where you say we "expect to announce heavy losses". At present we expect the results on each of these years to be a marginal loss. Yours faithfully.

DAVID EVERS (Chairman). Ever Sure Underwriting Agency Limited, 7 St Helen's Place. Bishopsgate, EC3.

Losses suffered at Lloyd's and the attitude of members

From Mr Peter Lucy

Sir, I was astonished to read the statement (February 18) of Mr David Coleridge, chairman of Lloyd's of London, on the subject of dishonesty and

I joined Lloyd's as an exter-

nal underwriting member in Since that time, I have nev-

Sir, Some company manage-

ments have ridden rough-I agree with Mr Langton that shod over shareholder inter-the situation cannot go on. The ests, especially privatised beneficiaries are the lawyers industries, in paying their top more effective method by which will press these companies these disputes are resolved into paying their executives policyholders and competitors mance a condition for the will see each successive solution take up of share options, as a "fudge" which last week's which executives are often ca, the United Shareholders' Association is successfully campaigning to make big business relate executive pay

to performance. The Share Ownership Movement announced on February 20 will not tackle individual companies on such issues as these, so it can only be of limited help in making management more accountable to their shareholders. The movement is now "owned" by the Stock Exchange, government and certain companies. Only a change of ownership, which may be possible in future. would make the movement more vigorous in its approach to corporate governance.

Yours faithfully, J. N. STEVENS. Half Tiles, Roseacre Gardens, Chilworth. Guildford, Surrey.

er had a year in profit. The for the chairman to claim that the members, having re-

supposed losses amount to several hundreds of thousands of pounds. Almost none relate to my years of underwriting, but to the Fif-

ties and Sixties with totally inadequate, and in some cases, rejected, reinsurance. Whilst it may be possible to continue to deny dishonesty.

losses, is an unacceptable generalisation. Yours faithfully, C. P. H LUCY. 9 Bois Heros.

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Notice is hereby given that a balance of the Register will be struck on Thursday, 12th March, 1992 for the preparation of warrants for a Final dividend for the year 1991 of 12.0p per 25p Ordinary Share. If approved at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 14th May, 1992 the dividend will be paid on 18th May, 1992.

For transferees to receive this dividend, their transfers must be lodged with the Company's Registrar:- Lloyds Bank Plc, Registrar's Department, Goring-by-Sea, Worthing, West Sussex BN12 6DA, not later than 3pm on 12th March, 1992.

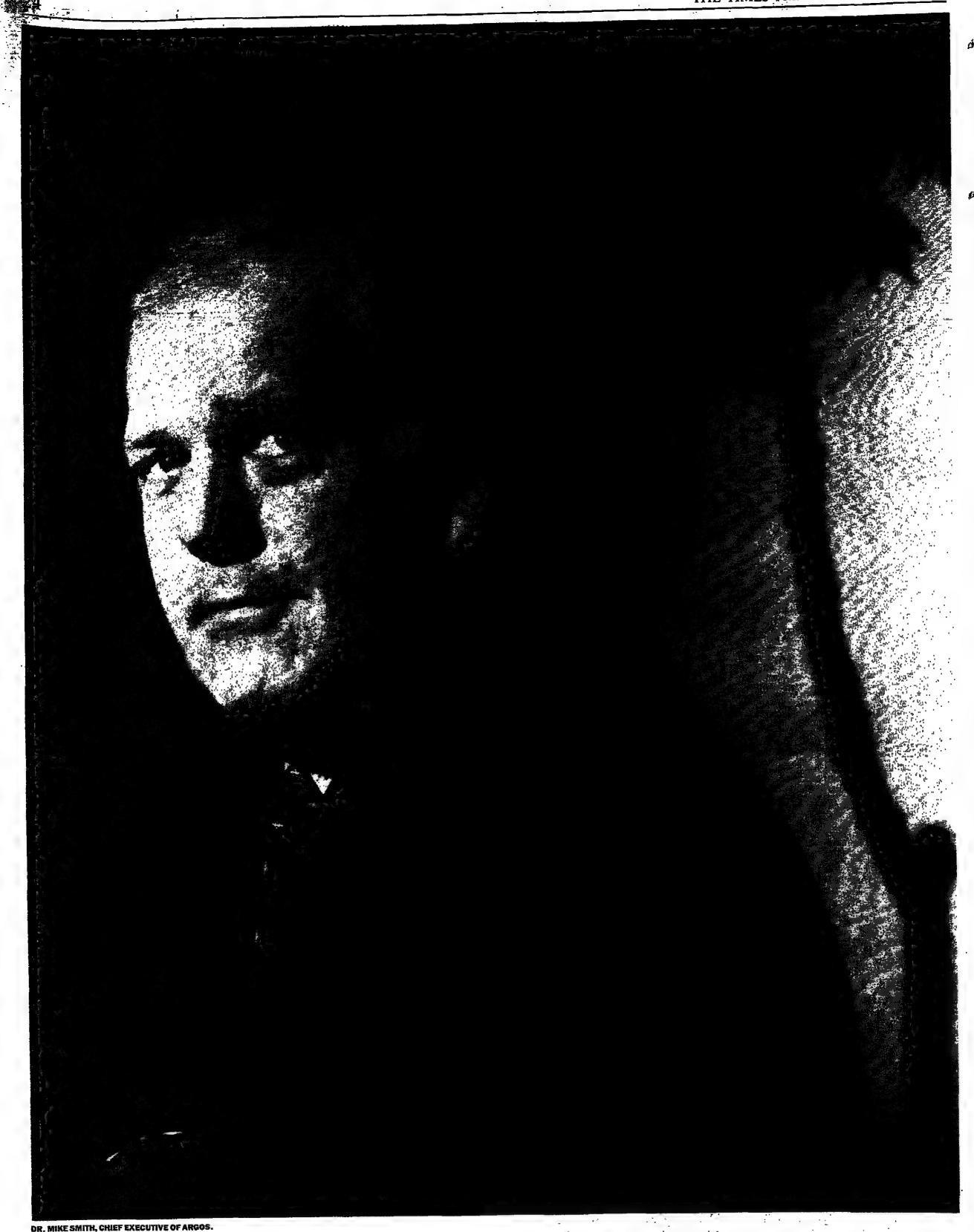
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The Coupon to be presented for the above dividend will be No.187 which must be deposited for examination at Lloyds Bank Plc. Registrar's Department, Issues Section, Bolsa House, 80 Cheapside, London EC2V 6EE, at least five clear days before payment is required (the required date cannot be prior to the 18th May 1992) or may be surrendered through Messieurs Lazard Freres et Cie, 121 boulevard Haussmann, 75008,

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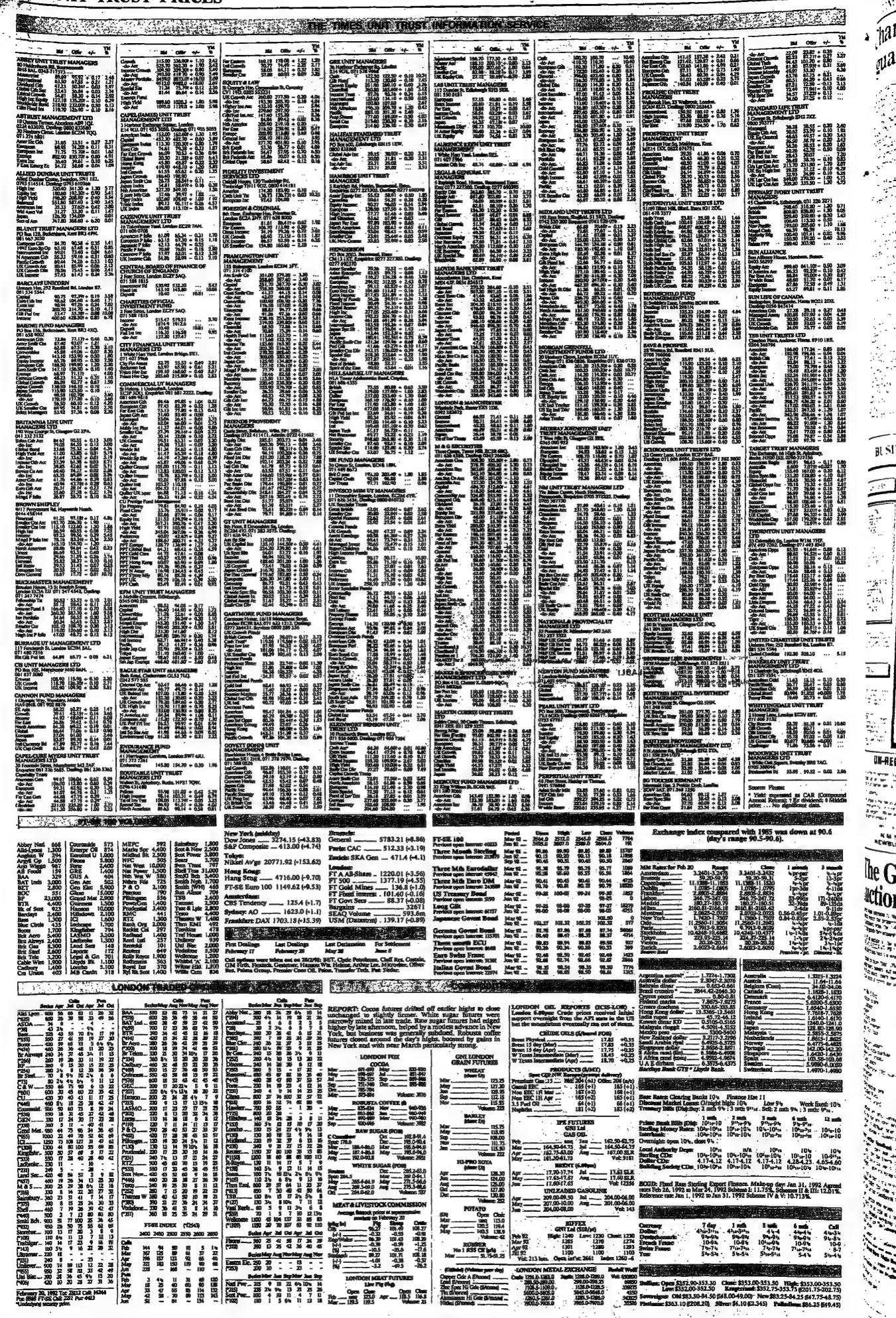
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Chambers want loan guarantee scheme

Midlands want a new loan guar-antee scheme that would share business risks between the gov-ernment, the banks and small businesses. They have written to the Chancellor as part of a campaign to stimulate growth and confidence among small and start-up businesses (Rodney Hobson writes).

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The West Midlands Regional Group of Chambers of Commerce, representing 13,000 com-panies of all sizes, says small businesses need a constructive climate in order to develop.

The group asks Norman Lamont for a special initiative to be introduced in the Budget on March 10. It advocates a variation on the loan guarantee scheme with loans at fixed terms of up to five years at a fixed interest rate. The loan would be administered by the clearing

Liability for the debt in the event of business failure would be carried equally by the banks, the Department of Trade and Industry and the business itself.

Howard Davis, the group chairman, says: The loans would be limited to a maximum of £30,000 and would be subject to the same scrutiny by the banks as any other type of loan. This would stimulate employment and ultimately be self-financing."

"At a time when there is consid-

BUSINESS leaders in the West erable strain on the relationship between the clearers and their small corporate customers we see this as a highly positive suggestion to improve the climate."

> The chambers expressed concern about a potential second wave of company collapses as the economy revives. They envisage small companies coming under acute financial pressure as working capital is squeezed.

The 15 chambers are also lobbying for the reintroduction of 100 per cent first year capital allowances, enabling investment in plant and machinery to be offset against taxable profit.





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Boom time for exotic bangers

BY RODNEY HOBSON

FEW small businessmen sing the oraises of the Department of Trade and Industry as much as Bill O'Hagan does.

His sausages company in Greenwich, south-east London, was doing so well it was getting out of control. Fortimately the DTI brought a road show to Blackheath just a mile away and Mr O'Hagan talked to a consultant there.

He says: "I had got to the stage where I didn't know how to develop but the DTI consultant was magnificent. My advice to any

small business is to get them in.
"It was the best thing I ever did,
not because the advice was 100
per cent spot on but because the consultant set me in the right direction to control expansion The consultant helped to draw up a business plan and a govern-

ment grant helped ease the cost. Mr O'Hagan had been a journalist in Fleet Street. He made sausages at home, a hobby he had. taken up at the age of 11 in his native South Africa. Nearly four years ago his wife Bronwyn and his colleagues encouraged him to

turn the hobby into a business. The O'Hagans bought a butcher's shop and turned it into what they claim is the world's first specialist sausage shop.

Mr O'Hagan is as bitter about banks as he is fervent about the DTI. He says: "We had to sell our house to raise cash because the bank said we were absolutely mad.



Strings of success: Bill O'Hagan, who turned his hobby into a thriving business

It suggested that we buy a unit on an industrial estate and just make the sausages. We wanted to make and sell them on the same premises so we could meet the public. We have got nothing to hide."

The couple lived on the premises because they could not afford a house as well. However, with business thriving, they moved out just before Christmas and converted the upstairs rooms at the shop into

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Customers are the winners in the fierce competition for the personal computer market, Matthew May says

BM lopped a third off the price of one of its portable computers in the United States last week as it joined in yet another round of what is fast becoming an internecine price war among the manufac-turers of personal computers desperate to maintain market share at any cost.

The only surprise is that it was no surprise, following price cuts earlier this month by other large companies, such as Apple, Dell, NEC and Zenith, that have been echoed in Britain.

Gripped by recession, no sooner do the big names cut prices than the lesser known but cheaper producers of clone computers reduce their prices again.

The cost is considerable, however. What has made the battle so bitter is that with new and better models being developed every few months computers have such a short shelflife that companies cannot afford to have warehouses full of fast-ageing

Hence the spectacular price cut-ting of the past year, which has resulted in several brands of well known computers being put on sale for less than they cost to produce or

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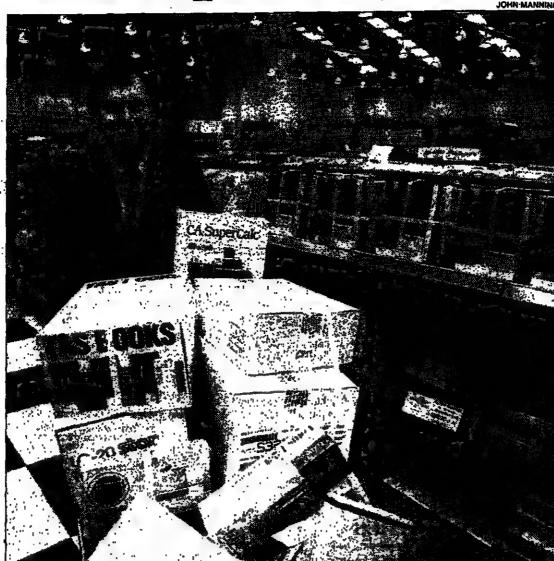
These bad — some would say appalling — conditions for many manufacturers are good news for customers able to choose from a huge variety of underpriced

equipment.

The only complaint comes from customers, who, having made their purchases, discover that if they had waited a few weeks they would have saved a few hundred pounds more.

The battle has spilled over to computer dealers, who complain of shoddy treatment from some manufacturers and suppliers who see that one way to bring down prices to customers is to squeeze dealers' profit margins.

Those who once had profit margins of 30 per-cent and more argue they are now lucky to get 15 per cent and, like dealers selling new cars, are increasingly faced with customers who expect large discounts before they even start talking. Buyers are getting even cheaper prices by turning to mail order, or



Trolley good business: Jan Murray has opened Britain's first computer superstore in Croydon

buying direct from manufacturers, and since November they have been able go to Britain's only computer

Jan Murray is the managing director of the Vision Technology Group, which runs five mail order companies and the superstore, PC World, in Croydon, south London, where computer equipment and software is piled high in supermarket-type aisles and sold cheaply.

Such stores may not offer much in the way of hand-holding and advice for the novice, but they have been a huge success in the US, where customers like being able to see what they are buying - some models are usually up and running — and, stock levels permitting, to take it away with them.

Though PC World has been open only three months, Mr Murray announced this week that he is planning to open a second store near Brent Cross, north London, by the middle of the year. Price reductions have been endemic in the personal computer industry since its inception but in the 1980s they were largely the result of technological develop-

ments that were fast reducing pro-duction costs or because a particular model had been superseded by a better and faster version. Now there is no such luxury. Price cuts are often made on current models and for no better reason than that competitors have cut their

prices and others must follow suit.
"Manufacturers are cutting prices like mad and some are asking me how much I have to reduce prices to sell," Mr Murray says. "It is not a valid argument any more that the price may be below what it costs to produce the products. In another six months they will have to sell them for even less."

Amstrad's announcement last week of its first ever loss and a 40 per cent fall in turnover for the six months to December was a clear sign that the market it had once created for cheap computers was too

ompanies that were once dismissive of Amstrad for selling too cheaply to provide quality or service are now selling at those same price "It is clear that some companies

will pull out, some will go bust, while others will try to sell direct to customers to cut out the profit of the middleman." Mr Murray says.

Even IBM, long noted for charg-ing a premium for its blue-chip name, is looking at selling cheap personal computers.

Despite the problems, Mr Murray does not believe that having

warehouses full of unsold goods will prevent manufacturers making the same mistake again.

"For some of these manufacturers the only way they can produce at anything like competitive prices is to carry on running at full capacity, so a lot are still churning them out. despite having to sell at a loss, in the hope that the situation will improve," he says.

One result, for example, is that the price of what is now the most popular power level of personal computer, known as the 386 because of the type of computer chip it uses, has halved within the past year. Basic models are available from £700. Sold with large capacity hard discs and the increasingly popular colour screens, the 386 has become the Model T of the computer world.

Seven out of ten personal computers sold are 386s. This success is helped by the fact it is the cheapest level of computer required to run the popular Windows software, which provides personal computers with the same graphics and diagrams on the screen that once made Apple computers so popular. Even computers using the relatively new and more powerful 486 chips can be picked up for about £1,300.

Should customers wait for even cheaper computers to become

"I think there will be further price cuts before spring and until real demand comes back into the market, perhaps in the second half of this year," says Chris Fell, an analyst for research firm Dataquest, which predicts that although the number of units sold in Europe will be 7 per cent up this year, overall revenues will drop by 12 per cent.

"There is some extra demand at the moment from extra demand at

the moment from organisations wanting to use up their budgets before the end of their financial year and manufacturers are cutting prices to try to take advantage of this," he says.

Mr Murray agrees: "Personal computers may well get even cheaper. Even though there must be a bottom line, what we are seeing is the compression between the prices of different power levels of computer as it really costs only a few pounds more to produce a more powerful personal computer such as the 386."

What will pull the market round? According to Dr Jonathan Drazin, of Dataquest, it will not be personal computers as we know them at all.

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making a terminal with a built-in cellphone at its factory in Greenock, near Glas-

The terminal, called PC Radio, looks like an ordinary portable computer, with the usual fold-up screen and keyboard. The big difference is behind the screen, where a cellular phone and its antenna are concealed. A user can also plug in a handset and operate it as an ordinary

PC Radio has a built-in modem, which translates the computer's digital data into analogue waveforms suitable for the telephone, and is adapted to cope with the noise and occasional short breaks in transmission that must be expected on the

It tolerates breaks of up to a quarter of a second, which would cause most modems operating on the telephone system to hang up. This means it keeps contact during the handover period when the telephone moves from one radio transmitter to

the next.
The speed of communication is not high, at a maximum of 2,400 bits a second, and reception quality will always be best when the

terminal is standing still. The familiar cellular network can conveniently link portable computers to base but it was designed for voice communication and computers are not at their best with it.

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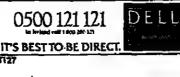
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Matthew May writes.

The company, which has so far steered clear of producing these uitra-fast machines, announced last week that it will set up a laboratory in Kingston. New York, dedicated to developing quickly a range of computers that use a technique known as massively parallel computing. Unlike traditional super computers, which use one or

at most a handful of custom-designed chips, parallel processing ties together huge numbers of processors that work simultaneously. Complex mathematical problems are reduced to countless tiny operations, each worked on by one processor and then recombined to produce the

The high speeds produced by this technique are largely for specialised scientific use. such as long-range weather forecasting. More commercial applications are expected soon.

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nel opens everybody concerned will hope the microchips and circuit boards rather than the political and financial wrangles take centre stage. Almost every inch of the project, from the train lavatories to the signs directing traffic to the shuttles, are under computer control.

"Without them", says Dr Peter Campbell Smith, the project manager at Logica, the computer software company, "it would not be possible to get anywhere near

The use of information technology will start on the M25, many miles from the Folkestone terminal. Road sensors monitoring traffic flows on the M25 will relay the information into special control centres. The plan is to extend the sensors down the M20, the main artery feeding the tunnel, and to link both motorways sensors into traffic management computers, which Logics is in-

stalling at the British terminal.
With knowledge of the number of lorries, cars, coaches and motorcycles approaching the terminal, Eurotunnel, the operating company, should be able to schedule Nick Nuttall

describes the electronics that

will control the Channel link

the shuttles to meet demand. In addition, the traffic management computers will send information on the length of queues, delays or tunnel shutdowns to the motorway control stations. Staff there will be able to convey the information to road-users through

a new generation of traffic signs.

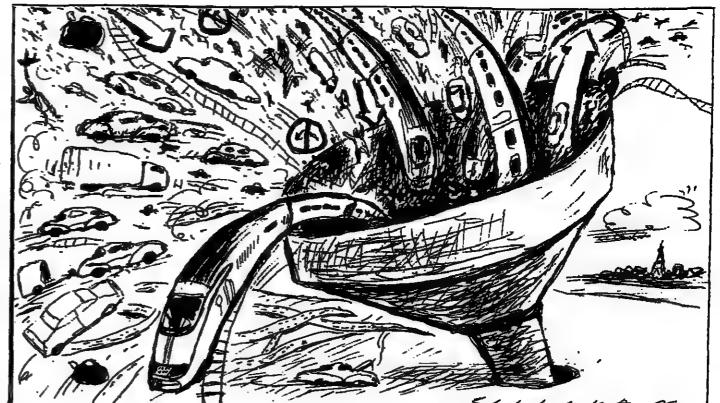
At Folkestone's embarkation area the traffic management computers will help to direct vehicles in an orderly way through toll booths, French and British checkpoints and, if it still exists, a dutyfree area.

Computer-controlled barriers, traffic lights and signs displaying images or words in French and English are planned. They will help to sort vehicles into about nine lanes or reservoirs, each fitting exactly on to one deck of a be checked because some shuttle trains will carry freight, some will be double-deckers and others sin-

Two systems are being designed to ensure that these restrictions are met. A soft system will comprise a laser beam, which signals when a vehicle is too high and must go into a different lane. A more prosaic hard system will consist of a steel beam.

Dr Campbell Smith says the traffic management computer is being designed to link with the tunnel's rail computer so that the systems can exchange information on traffic waiting, shuttle timeta-bles and the location of shuttles. The biggest test for the traffic

management computers and the network of lights, signs and barriers could be to organise traffic between the waiting lanes and the platforms, of which there will be about 20. Several shuttles might be ready to be loaded at any time and the system must ensure that these flows do not cross. Dr Campbell Smith says: "In many ways it replicates a rail management system. However, unlike a railway, where if you switched the points a train will go round a



drivers going the wrong way."

Inside the tunnel many systems are being installed, including power supplies and telephone and

The shuttle trains, running on a loop system, and the TGV high-speed passenger trains, which will Brussels, will be packed with

and communications systems to ensure passenger comfort, register engine overheating and check that doors are closed. The computers will connect with trackside signal-ling and safety systems, which will take over braking in emergencies.

Train drivers will get signalling information inside the cab, which they would not receive from traditional trackside systems, says Paul Robbins, Euronannel's signalling

into French and Belgian plat-forms. Inside the tunnel the air is likely to be heavy with humidity Computers are also being installed to help the trains, which will be around 400 metres long, to run on the different kinds of power and corrosive chlorine particles.

supplies operating in Britain, the tunnel, France and Belgium. Peter Sizer, the manager of the informatique development system at GEC-Alsthom in Manchester, Systems are being designed to raise the pantographs, which conthe Anglo-French company leadnect trains to the overhead wires. ing the TGV building consortium, while retracting the shoes that work on Britain's so-called third says temperatures outside could rise to 40°C. Consequently, coaches are being fined with computer-controlled air-conditioning. rail track. Unless the shoes are

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THE Italian Olivetti group and its unions have signed a three-year restructuring agreement, under which 1.500 jobs will go, some staffers will be retrained to work in government agencies, and establishments in Crema, near Milan, will be phased out. The cuts are part of a plan to help Olivetil to survive the depression among computer manufacturers and possibly bring it into profit this year. This month Olivetti announced a preliminary 1991 loss of at least £133 million.

Carlo de Benedetti, the chairman, recently pledged that the group would break this year and he said he had no interest in alliances with foreign partners.

CD learning

HIGH prices for the type of compact disc that can store millions of words of information as well as graphics and pictures in computer format have limited most of the market to business use. However, the price of CD-ROM readers, as they are known, which play the discs and can be linked to any personal computer, are failing. The latest offer comes from Cumana, of Guildford. Surrey, which is selling them boosting the demand for educational uses.

Sound work

SONY is developing a digital sound format for films that will bring compact disc qualty sound to cinemas. Although film sound tracks have been improved in recent years with stereo and surround sound, the optically based technology dates back to the 1920s. The company says it is working with its Sony Pictures Entertainment

Slimming unit, which includes Columbia Pictures, to develop a digital alternative to this analogue-based recording technology. Digital sound is recorded in digital structure in the control of the contr recorded in distortion-free computer language, unlike analogue, which can in-troduce hissing and other distortions. Sony promises to give details later this year.



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The Times guide to the cricket World Cup

England can have the final word

FIVE weeks today. trunks, bags and general month sporting tour will be loaded onto a jumbo jet bound for London. Among the baggage may well be tangible confirmation that England are the best limitedovers side in the game, the cricket World Cup.

Such a statement would rightly have been regarded as somewhat insane a year ago as England retreated shamefaced from a shambolic Australasian tour, But 12 months have wrought such change that it can now be said more in expectation than

hope. All those, Ian Botham included, who availed themselves of the bookmakers initial offer of 8-1 against England, can congratulate themselves ... at least for a few more hours.

Tonight, cricker's greatest show on turf, or whatever the Australian marketing men have chosen to label it this time, is launched in earnest, Then, of course, one-day cricket being what it is, the weeks and months of predictions and prognostications can be consigned to the dustbin by just a few mo-ments of neglect or indis-

But, while immunity from the best nor the worst in the limited-overs game, it is fair to assume that England and

can cope better with the crux of this sort of mental pressures in tight

That is why I believe this competition may not be quite such a close-run thing as many of those involved are forecasting, and why the final can be a repeat of the 1987 World Cup, only this time with a different result.

The colour and atmosphere of the last World Cup came from its diverse venues on the subcontinent. This time, it will come from good, oldfashioned Australian hype.

It has been building up slowly, not least due to the volume of cricket already played here this winter. But rest assured, once the holders have won tonight's opening match in Auckland — and match in Auckland any other result will demand a stewards' enquiry - we will be treated to the brand of jingoistic fervour which has been a firm favourite here since Kerry Packer lit his first firecrackers in complacent committee rooms 15 years

Packer's influence, though no longer personal, remains ubiquitous. He could even take the credit for some of the "firsts" in this World Cup. After all, night cricket, coloured clothing, white balls and black sightscreens were originally his ideas, though even he never sent out his teams quite so gaudily multicoloured as some will be here. It was Packer, too, who scomed the traditions of tele-



White balls and South Africa top the bill at the greatest

show on turf. Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent, looks forward to the World Cup

vised cricket and sprang upon a startled but receptive public such things as pitch reports, the player comfort level, carneras at both ends, stump cameras, weeping ducks and shouting commentators. All of this is now to be unleashed on a World Cup for the first time.

Most people in England will remain unaware of this. Most people in England do not have a satellite dish and they will see next to nothing of the coming month's cricket. No World Cup should suffer this sort of identity crisis, yet the paradox is that it emanates from just the kind of deadlocked rivalry between cricket officialdom and television outlets which first

mobilised Packer. This is a jointly-hosted World Cup but, in the nature of the nations involved, the Australians have pretty much taken over. New Zealand's top brass were keen to point out, at the media launch on Wednesday, that the whole thing had originally been their concept but the claim,

previous England Cup side

though true, seemed so fan-ciful to the Australian-hosted

gathering in very Australian Sydney harbour, that it was

greeted by surprised laugh-

And so, quite naturally, we

are hearing that this is the biggest and best there has

ever been, in every way. It has cost almost £5 million to put together and it will be

watched by more people than ever before, both on television

and at the grounds. Some

tickets for the final have not

yet been released but nobody

ls in much doubt that Melbourne's increased capacity

of 108,000 will be me

setting a world record crowd

round-robin system has never

been used, nor has there

previously been so much me-dia attention — almost 600

journalists have now been

accredited. That figure owes

much to the most significant record of all, the inclusion of a

ninth country in South Af-

Even a year ago, the pros-pect was unthinkable but the

pace of reacceptance has

been staggering. My instincts

opposed their presence here if this was to be their grand return, but now that emotions

have been spent and history

made with a visit to India,

South Africa can play the

tournament without quite

such encumberances or false

expectations. With that said, do not be surprised if they win

Mike Procter, their coach; confirms that they have left behind the jittery ineptitude of their out-cricket in India. and Imran Khan, the Pakistan captain, has been sufficiently impressed to suggest they could reach the last four.

The use of two white balls per innings will be of value to South Africa, who are well served for medium-paced swing bowlers. They will not be unprepared for playing under lights, as they have a domestic floodlit competition. What may scupper them is if this World Cup follows the trend of the last and grants a healthy importance

o spin bowling. England hope and believe it will, hence their inclusion of three slow bowlers in their 14. Tufnell and Hick will almost always be in their strongest XI and there will even be times when Illingworth plays as well, on which days there should at least be no worries about over-rate fines. If that is

This squad is better prepared and better equipped than any second used to

> game, but under the new playing conditions, whereby the winners are judged by comparing a similar number of highest-scoring overs, the Australia will not mind

this. Their game-plan is habitually to bat first and set a target and, with seven games at home, four of them under familiar floodlights, they will not be dethroned easily.

If anyone is to dislodge them, however, it should be

Quietly. stratively, this belief is shared by those who matter. Graham Gooch, the captain, ingly of having played in two losing finals and wanting to make his last World Cup the one he remembers best. Micky Stewart, the team manager, agrees that his present squad is better pre-pared and better equipped than any previous England Cup side.

Let it always be remembered that it is only a limitedovers tournament and that the winners are world champions in the condensed form of the game only. Let it also be admitted that.

if Gooch is lifting the World Cup on March 25, the country will conveniently, trium-phantly and quite justifiably



Driving force: Gooch wants to make his last World Cup one to remember

ALAN LEE RECOMMENDS SIX PLAYERS TO WATCH



(South Africa) in the absence of lan

November.

Bishop and Wagar Younis, Donald will be the fastest bowler in the competition and the main reason for suspecting South Africa will fare better than most people expect Aged 25, from Orange Free State, Donald took 83 firstclass wickets for haired and lithe, with a smoothly accelerating approach, he has a devilish yorker, as the Indians discovered when South Africa made their visit last

There was any number of reasons for Donald and teammates to perform below their best in India, emotion and unfamiliarity high among them. Yet Donald, furiously fast and commendably straight, took five for 29 in good during this tournament, minimising wides and no-balls, he will rival Curtly Ambrose and Wasim Akram as the likeliest match-



Salim Malik

Eyebrows were raised when Essex settled on Salim as their overseas Diavel last year but despite one he repaid their faith in style, scoring six centuries and averaging 73. Oddly, he was less successful in the one-day competitions, where his innovative style was considered best suited.

Aged 28, from Lahore, the engaging Salim cheerfully annihilated county attacks in 1991. Utterly fearless, he loves to get onto the front foot and drive, a facility that should not be denied him in this competition. Pakistan's matches at Perth.

Salim was Pakistan's leading batsman in the 1987 World Cup and doubts about the extent of Javed Miandad's fitness make him still more crucial to their prospects this time. His leg-spin bowling is a useful option and his catching,



Tom Moody (Australia)

A surprise selection in Australia's 1987 squad, when aged barely 22, Moody managed only ten runs in three innings before losing his place. Fierce competition in the middle-order has also hindered his Test career but in Perth last month he responded with a thrilling century. Moody may not look back now.

Devotees of Worcestershire, and previously Warwickshire, do not need telling how clean a hitter Moody can be. Standing 6ft 8in and with a correspondingly long reach, he can turn good-length balls into halfvolleys and his driving. both straight and through the covers, is awesome.

Batting behind Marsh, Boon, Jones and Border could limit his prospects if Australia play to potential but he is the perfect floating destroyer in one-day cricket and is also likely to take on the bowling role of the omitted



Richie Richardson (West Indies)

The greatest concern for

the 30-year-old Antiguan is assuming the leadership mantle of his mentor, Vivian Richards, and with a team precariously balance between generations. That is a heavy responsibility, no matter that West Indies are not expected to win the cup this time, but Richardson has the character to achieve the first goal of commanding respect. His second must be to score heavily himself, and this should be less of

a problem. A confirmed fast-wicket player, which explains why he struggled in England for so long, Richardson will benefit from the West Indies schedule. They play six matches in Australia, where Richardson's record is intimidatingly good, and another on the quickest of New Zealand's surfaces, Christchurch. He finished the last World Cup with 93 against England and 110 against Pakistan and can maintain that form.



Graeme Hick (England) The enigma of Hick is

of all bowling below Test level, he has played eight Test matches without a half-century, his defensive weaknesses on the back fool are thoroughly exposed and there are many willing to His talents as an all-round cricketer, however, are underlably impressive. Formidably fit, he is, with Chris Lewis, the best and most versatile fielder in the England side and among the finest in the world. His off-som bowling has also developed and, even with two specialist slow bowlers in the squad, England intend to

plainly frustrating the England

management. A destroyer

In this form of cricket. where he will face relatively little short-pitched bowling his batting can also be seen to its best advantage. Either as an opener or No. 3 he has the strokes to give England early impetus and the Cup could at last see his heady reputation fulfilled:



Sachin Tendulkar (India)

Teenage phenomena

from the sub-continent are not unusual in cricket but Tendulkar's is a most unusual talent. He will be 18 when the World Cup final is staged and, if he is taking part, the Melbourne crowd is in for a treat. Mature way beyond his years, Tendulkar is prematurely being thought of as an Indian captain and, already, is not only their own best batsman but one of the best in the world. Such praise would daunt most teenagers but Tendulkar has developed an ideal temperament for his genius, only occasionally blemished by youthfully arrogant shots. His two Test centuries against Australia this winter were in a losing cause but he was consistently successful in the one-day games, too, and not only as a batsman. His swing bowling could be effective on

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By JOHN WOODCOCK

THE omission of Vivian no better fielding side. Richards, Courtney Walsh and Jeffrey Dujon from the West Indian side and of Jim-my Cook from South Africa's, the withdrawal through inju-ry of Waqar Younis from Pa-kistan and the absence of Mike Gatting from England had one picking an XI of missing faces who, if given a wild-card entry, might start as favourites for the World

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Gordon Greenidge would open with Cook, and, with Richards, Gatting, David Gower and Dujon to follow, it would be a difficult side to contain and the best of all to watch. The fast bowlers would be Wagar, Walsh and Ian Bishop, another West Indian absentee, and there would be two off spinners, Greg Matthews and John Emburey. Matthews's face seems not to fit in Australia at the moment, in spite of all that he did to make sure Australia retained the Ashes

last winter. The side, I know, is a bit of a cheat, for Wager and Bish-op would both be here if they were fit. So, having played that little game, it is time to hope that, when battle commences tomorrow, all will be for the best and give of the best. South Africa, emerging already as a dark horse, if one may call them that, will be generously received. I don't see a Graeme Pollock or an Eddie Barlow in their ranks, but they will have the advantage of knowing more about their opponents game than their opponents will know about theirs, and there will be



For the first time in a World Cup the teams will all play each other once, and it will be disappointing if Sri Lanka, who bat so delightfully, and Zimbabwe fail to spring a surprise. In John Traicos, who will be 45 in May, Zimbabwe can claim the oldest of all the 126 players and he is all the 126 players, and he is the only still-active member of the last South African side to play Test cricket, against Australia in 1969-70. All spinners will have something to learn from watching him.

If New Zealand are suffer-ing from post-Hadlee depres-sion, Pakistan are lost in the gloom cast by Waqar's injury. Since arriving early in Australia, so as to get acclimatised to the conditions there Pakistan have been no sort o a side, which is sad when they have so much to offer Waqar's departure will leave the South African, Alian Donald, as the fastest bowler on view, and Imran Khan with a challenge to his almost godly supremacy. Pakistan could go either way. They will play some wonderfully gifted cricket—they invariably do— but will they find the disci-

pline to go with it? It will be Hampered by the rule which prevents them from bowling exceedingly short and sometimes unpursuably wide, as they can in Test matches, West Indies could fail, as they did last time, to reach the semi-finals. That is a risky thing to say, for on their day they, too, will still brush sides aside, but they do seem to have chosen a strange time, just before a World Cup, to start rebuilding, and the absence of Richards is espe-

India will charm us, I am sure; but in the end toughness concentration, and stamina may make the differthat drilled into them more systematically, or will be less likely to forget it, than England, Australia and, yes, South Africa. One-day competitions tend to be won, all else being equal, not by the best and purest cricket teams. nor by the most attractive, but by the most efficient.

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Rules World Cup matches will be 50 overs a side, with each fearn playing eight matches in the round-robin series. The round-robin begins tonight and ends on March 18, Victory is worth ends on March 18. Victory is worth two points, with a 18 or no result worth one point. The top four teams in the round-robin qualify for the semi-finals. Teams firishing level on points will be divided on the basis of ruh-rate, where a net figure is produced by deducting from a leam's own run-rate that conceded by their bowlers. It is a refinement of the conventional system and emphasises tight bowling.

If a team is dismissed in less than 50 overs, its average run-rate is

To a cearm 50 overs, its average run-rate is based on its full quote of overs, not the number in which it was bowled out. If rain affects a match in its later stages, the result will be determined by calculating the runs made during each side's 30 most productive neers. tive overs
All round-roble matches will be

The semi-final and tinal may be carried over to another day.

For the first 15 overs of an innings, othly two fielders are permitted outside the 30-metre circle. Thereafter, four fielders, plus the bowler and wicketkeeper, must remain within the circle. While balls will be used, one at each end. Form guide

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Origines
Dickie Bird has officiated in 18
World Cup matches, compared
with 11 by Devid Constant and 10
by David Shepherd, the only umprefrom England in the 1992 tournament. Bird umpred the first three
finels and missed the fourth only
because England were playing. because England were playing 1992 UMPIRES: P J McConnell (Aus), S G Randall (Aus), B L Aldridge (NZ), S J Woodward (NZ); D R Shepherd (Eng); P D Reporter (Inde); Khzer Hayat (Pak); K E Leibenberg (SA), D P Burtitens (Sri Lanka), S N Bucknor (W Indies); I D

Bening Graham Gooch, the England cap-tain, is joint favourite with two Australian batsmen to make the most runs in the World Cup. Two Australians, Craig McDermott and Bruce Reid, head the list of bowlers favoured to take most wickets. BETTING (Ladbrokes): Most runs: 10-1: D C Boon (Aus), D M Jones (Aus), G A Gooch (Eng), 12-1: G R Marsh (Aus), R B Richardson (W), 14-1: R A Smith (Eng), Javed Mandad (Pak), D L Haynes (W), 16-1: M A Taylor (Aus), 25-1: A R Border (Aus), M Azharuddin (India), S R Terdulfor (

Australia will stage 25 of the 39 matches, including the final, but all the sides play in New Zealand at least once. Ten matches in Australia, including the semi-final at Sydney and the final in Melbourne, will be played under floodlights. Matches will be played across five times zones and at venues up to 3,400 miles apart. Sri Lanka have the most travelling, playing matches on both islands of New Zealand and in four Australian states By the end of the round robin, they will have covered 15,500 miles. New Zealand have the miles. New Zealand have the essiest itinerary, playing all of their round-robin matches on home soil,

☐ The wirmers will receive Aus \$50,000 (about £21,000) and the player of the series Aus \$5,000. ☐ Kepler Wessels, who leads South Africa, will be the only player to appear for two countries. He represented Australia in 1983.

☐ Graham Gooch, the England ☐ Graham Gooch, the England captain, has scored more runs (881 from 13 innings) in the World Cup than anyone taking part in the 1992 tournament. He also holds the record for the most runs in any single World Cup series (471 from eight innings in 1987) and been man of the match five times, crusting the record of Vivian equaliting the record of Vivian Richards.

☐ Two Pakistan players, Imran Khan and Javed Miandad, are set to become the only players to appear in all five World Cups

☐ The final at Melbourne Cricket Ground, the venue for the first Test match, in 1877, is expected to produce a crowd of 100,000 now that the 48,000-seat southern stand has been completed. The top price for a ticket for the final is Aus \$20, withough the black regretations is although the black market price is already ten times that.

The organisers estimate that profits could be as high as Aus \$15 million (about £5.5 million) besed on ticket sales, broadcasting rights and merchandise sales, if Australia and merchandis reach the final.

The final will be televised in 29 countries, including the United States, Canada, Argenlina, Italy, Japan and The Netherlands.

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When they won the cup in 1987 it was against the formbook; this time, the formbook rates them short-odds favourites.

They have earned the position after four years of consistency but no team should ever be quoted as low as 11-8 in a one-day cricket competition. Too much can go wrong, too quickly

quickly.

Australia have an elementary but affective game-plan and stick to it rigidly. Their squad is packed with all-rounders and every player is experienced

enough at this form of the game to know his job precisely. O'Donnell is a notable omis-

O'Donnell is a notable omission from their selection, but nine of the 14 played in 1987 and the balance looks still stronger. Moody, having broken through in Test cricket, could be outstanding here, along with the man he ousted, Mark Waugh. It will be a last World Cup for Border and no Australian is contemplating him being beaten.

Betting (Ladbrokes): 13-8.

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In four World Cups, England, have never failed to reach the last four and twice progressed to the final. They have still not to the final. They have still not won it, though, and probably have never been good enough, but this year may be different.

Better prepared and better equipped than ever before, England begin their programme with a sequence of sk consecutive one-day wins behind them, a rarity for any side. What is more, they have seldom looked like being beatsn

during the run.

Lamb's injury is a handicap but there are so many options within the squad that it can be overcome. Gooch, for whom winning the cup is a lingering ambition, has followed the Australian example by surrounding himself with all-rounders, and there should be seven or eight bowlers in the side at all times. England have a tough start, but, if they get through it, they can go all the way.

Betting: 5-2.

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discipline.
India could cause some upsets in spectacular style if Azharuddin, a captain under scrutiny, Srikkanth and Manjrekar come off. They have

seldom done so in unison,

however, and the tendency to panic in tight situations will count heavily against them. Too much may be carried by the young genius, Tendulkar.

Winners in 1983 under Kapil Dev, India went into national mourning when beaten in the semi-final on their own soil by England four years later. Re-cent form suggests they will do well even to get that far this

Kapil is still present and the white balls should make his swing bowling still more menacing. Prabhakar should also do an effective job, but the rest of the bowling is a problem. The batting is high on

ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL CAREER RECORDS

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WEST INDIES

Until 1987 it was unthinkable that West Indies would not be automatic favourities for a World Cup. Those days are gone and it says a lot for their decline, at least in overs cricket, that there are many willing to bet excited they

willing to bet against them even reaching the last four. The Richards era has ended at last and it is a loss to the competition that he is missing. Dujon and Walsh have also been dumped by the selectors, who have taken a sharp step backwards by recalling Harper and Benjamin, though both are versattle and experienced.

With Bishop also absent, in his case through injury, the bowling will depend heavily on Ambrose and Marshall, a pairing still not to be sniffed at. Youth is given its head in the form of Cummins. The crucial batsmen will be Haynes and Richardson, probably now at his peak, if he responds well to leadership and makes runs to boot, West Indies are far from no-hopers, but the style in which England beat them 3-0 last summer suggests they will do well to reach the knockout stage. Betting: 6-1.

ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL CAREER RECORDS

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PAKISTAN

On talent alone, Pakistan have long been formidable opposition. Their enemy is their own temperamental frailty and it could once more prevent them reaching the final for the first

resching the final for the first time.

Imran Khan has played in all five World Cups and remains the moulding influence, a role to which nobody size has been equal. He has also apparently regained an appetite for bowing, which is a huge bonus. In 1987 he was the leading bewier in the competition; now, he will have to cover for Wacar

much a blow for the spectacle They still have Wasim

Younis, whose back injury is as

Akram, who can turn a match with bat or bell, and two of the game's gifted dashers in Javed Mianded and Salim Mailk. Their Misnaed and Salim Malik. Their warm-up programme has been a shambles, but disregard it. That they have the potential to win the cup cannot be doubted. The question is, do they have the poise and united purpose required?

ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL CAREER RECORDS

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SOUTH KEHICA

surrounding their comeback tour of India in November that it was not surprising that they did themselves no justice. There will be no similar excuse now and, already, there are signs that they should not entirely be dismissed. The semi-finals would be a wonderful achievement and it is not beyond them,

Team selection was brave, at best, and the reverberations of omitting Rice and Cook are still being felt. Wessels has still to prove he has the character to lead the side; in the past, his Betting: 20-1.

insularity has suggested other-wise. A warm-up win over Pakistan will have done won-ders for his confidence, however. Donald will bowl as fast as anyone in the tournament and there is sound back-up from

McMillan, Pringle and the new Somerset acquisition, Snell. Spin is a shortcoming and the batting may rely too heavily on the solidity of Wessels and the hitting of Kuiper. Fielding, how-ever, should be a strong sult and watch out especially for the speed of Rhodes.

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Averages and statistic Compiled by Richard Lockwood Source: TCCB/Bull



SRI LANKA

Eighteen games, in four pre-vious World Cups, have brought Sri Lanka two wins, over India in 1979 and New Zealand in 1983; but they begin this year's programme with two potential victories, against Zimbabwe at New Plymouth and New Zealand at Hamilton.

Things will get tougher after that, not least because the organisers have given them a daunting amount of travelling. their next two games being staged at Mackay, in the northeast of Australia, and Wellington, in central New

It may be simplistic to say they have no chance of winning the competition, but, logically most they can hope for As in the past, though, they will provide entertainment, and if the limitations of their bowling mean they always have to make mammoth scores, the brilliance of De Silva, the captain, and the tenacity of Gurusinha will ensure that nothing is automatically a lost

Betting: 33-1.

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NEW ZEALAND

pitches, on which the accurate but innocuous slow-medium of Larsen and Latham suddenly

becomes a match-winning

formula. On any other surface they

will be found out and, despite

Overwhelmed by England in two of their three recent one-day internationals, they could and should have won in Dunedin, which was no accident. This game alone was played on the type of lifeless pitch that gives a team of their make-up

and limitations an even chance. Playing all eight qualifying games at home will be a big advantage if they can produce a string of Dunedin-like

will be found out and, despite the emergent Carns and resur-gent Rutherford, they lack the class to trouble the leading sides. Their fielding is sketchy and Crowe's fitness is another worry. Betting: 20-1. ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL CAREER RECORDS

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ZIMBABWE

countries and the rest remains enormous. Sri Lanka battled for years to bridge it and Zim-babwe, should they finally win acceptance later this year, will find it even harder. They have more chance of causing an upset in the one-day game, but if they do, it will be a solitary

With Hick and Curran in their side, Zimbabwe might be close to competitive Instead, the lack of depth in their game is apparent. Traicos, who played three Tests for South Africa 23 years ago, plays his third World Betting: 33-1.

Cup at the age of 44 and the rest of the cast is equally The captain is Houghton, whose swashbuckling 142 at Hyderabad in 1987 so nearly

embarrassed New Zealand Pycroft, who made runs consider tently that year, is also back, one of live survivors from Zimbabwe's famous win over Australia in their first-ever World Cup game in 1983. The memories of that victory may have to sustain them a little

ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL CAREER RECORDS Batting and fielding

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Team assessments

Hosts may savour the treat

PLAYED every year, the World Cup would soon be-come a bore. Quadrennially it makes for a great gathering of the clans, and it has come to Australia not a moment too

The logistical problems are not to be sniffed at. From Perth, where England play India, to Wellington, where they play New Zealand, is around 3,500 miles, much the same as London to Equatorial Guinea. New York or Tashkent; or, to put it another way, noon in Perth is 5pm in Wellington. There will be some jet-lagged cricketers about before very long.

In the early days of the competition, Australia doubted whether they could ever take it on, because of the distances and, therefore, the cost involved. But their reticence was duly overcome, and should they now reach the final for the third time, the setting at Melbourne on March 25 will be no less dramatic than that in which they won the title they will be defending, at Calcutta in November 1987. Of the four finals there have

been so far, the one to make the greatest impact was the first, between Australia and West Indies at Lord's in 1975. Arguably, no other game played at any other time has so changed the face of cricket. Until then the limited-overs game, with all its different ploys, was merely

Even the first one-day international had happened purely by chance, when rain

1975 (England)
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1975 (England)

John Woodcock finds that Australia has

lost its reservations about staging the

World Cup and now champions the cause

Indian side was too good for

them. This time it was the

great Richards who sent the

West Indians in another ca-

pacity crowd into ecstasy with

one of his most gladiatorial

displays (138 not out in 157 balls). An eclectic one-day

side, chosen from all the play-

ers there have been, would

surely include Richards.

When England went in,

needing 287 to win, and

Geoff Boycott took 17 overs to

reach double figures, West Indies soon had matters

That second World Cup

had brought the first big up-set — the defeat of India by

Sri Lanka. The third, in

1983, produced the first sur-

prise winners, when India,

quoted at 66-1 when the tour-

nament started, beat West

Indies in a low-scoring final by 43 runs. Had the Lord's

pitch been purpose-built for India, they could not have

asked for more.
It was time West Indies

were beaten, and India man-

aged it because the ball

bounced only reluctantly and moved about off the seam. They bowled splendidly, and possessed some fine cricket-

ers. What is more, they had

also beaten West Indies in

one of the qualifying-round matches — at Old Trafford by

34 runs. There were some

under control.

caused the abandonment of reached the final, a full West the new year Test match at Melbourne on England's tour of Australia in 1970-1. But from the seed of the oneday game that was hurriedly arranged to take its place grew the World Cup, and it was while watching that first final, by night in Australia. that someone saw the possibilities, linked to television, of a travelling cricketing circus. In less than two years. Kerry Packer was on the warpath.

By the time the Duke of

Edinburgh presented Clive Lloyd with the new trophy on June 21, 1975, it was not very long before 9pm. Being the longest day of the year, the light had held, and as cricketer as well as consort, the duke would have had much to talk about when he got home. A full house bathed in sunshine had seen a brilliant innings (100 in 82 balls) by the West Indian captain, some miraculous fielding by Vivian Richards and Alvin Kallicharran (five Australians were run out) and 565 runs scored in the day — West Indies 291 for eight, Australia 274 all out with eight balls left.

When West Indies won again in 1979, England and Australia omitted those of their players who had thrown in their lot with Packer. West Indies, however, chose theirs. and aithough England

victory over Australia (Lillee, Thomson and all) at Trent

Then, in the autumn of 1987, the World Cup went to India and Pakistan. Missed connections and mass confusion seemed inevitable. The two countries had seldom gone out of their way to help each other, and with teams criss-crossing the border, cooperation was of the essence. in the event, there was never a hitch. The only disappoint ment for the organisers was that the final, before 90,000 people in Calcutta, was not. as intended, between India and Pakistan, but between England and Australia.

West Indies were eclipsed as never before, and Australia, little fancied before the start but the eventual winners, had two hair-raising escapes in their first three matches. England, for their part, threw their chance away when, with Australia on the run in the final, Mike Gatting, their captain, got out attempting that foolhardiest of all strokes, the reverse

Of the sides in that final, four of England's (Gooch, Lamb, DeFreitas and Small) and seven of Australia's (Border, Boon, Jones, Marsh, McDermott, Reid and Stephen Waugh) are still in evidence, and unlikelier things have happened than that they should meet again at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on March 25.



Master's blast: Richards, so triumphant in 1979

RESULTS FROM THE FOUR PREVIOUS WORLD CURS

1979 (England)

(Majd Rives B1, Zahoor Abbas E5), FINAL (Lord's): West Indies 285-8 () V A Richards 138 not out, C I, King 88; Englished 136 () M Emerley 64, Q Soycott 97; J Gerror 5-58.

1983 (England)

SENAL-FINALS: England 213; India 217-4 Therigal Sharma of , 6 M Past 51 tool bust. Pekistan 184-6 (Moham Khan 70); Weet Indias 188-2 (I V A Richards 80 not out, H

1987 (India/Pakistan)

Bowlers adjust their tactics to stay on top

ike a body frozen in the wastelands of Antarctica, bowling in the closing overs of bish-and-bash games hardly changed between the Discovery of the Yorker, circa 1972, and the Discovery of the Slower Ball around

For 14 years, captains and coaches uttered the word "yorker" as if it, and it alone, was the answer to their prayers. The names of Joel Garner, Jack Simmons and John Lever were invoked at meetings as beings who could bowl "the yorker" at will, choking shots, preventing lofted drives, forcing batsmen to dig the ball out and scurry a single, and no harm done. For 14 years, thanks to

longer had to stand balefully at cover as batsmen heaved their line-andlength bowlers to irreverent and unpatrolled parts of the boundary. Less often did captains suffer that awful feeling of a game slip-ping through fingers.

And for a time, it worked, especially on England's slower pitches. Because it worked, everyone tried it, every Tom. Dick and Harry. Pretty soon, batsmen began to seek an answer and to find it in a tactic introduced by Barry Rich-ards, a batting genius who backed away to stroke york-ers every which way. Pretty soon battsmen realised you did not need to be a serving did not need to be a genius to play the shots, just to think of them first.

Yorkers had been turned against themselves and were now vulnerable, espe-cially since they demanded a precision beyond most bowlers, for a yorker is but an inch away from being a full toss or a half-volley.

Bowlers did not practice this ball enough and once restrictions were placed upon boundary fieldsmen, after Mike Brearley sent all of his fieldsmen (including David Bairstow) to the fence, batsmen could line up these predictable balls, pick their spot, and score heavily. It was time for a fresh tactic. Enter Steve Wangh, a gum-chewing, taciturn agPeter Roebuck on the art of deceit in limited-overs cricket

gressor, from Bankstown, a motorised suburb in the hot innards of west Sydney. Waugh, who had been reading books about bowling, thought he might try a few of these tricks himself, to pass the time between innings. He began to mix up his balls in every form of cricket, confounding bats-

Deception was back. Soon Waugh found himself bowling the closing overs for Australia in bish-andbash games and his new style was effective. Runchases were lost because too many balls were

Soon believers appeared, O'Donnell and Mark Waugh in Australia, Pringle and Reeve in Eng-land, Prabhakar in India. Especially on Australia's big grounds, upon which even detected slow balls could not easily be des-patched, this style worked and the 1987 World Cup was won, as were sundry games afterwards.

Bowling in bish-and-bash cricket had changed. No longer are bowlers willing to serve up rubbish in pursuit of the perfect yorker. To the contrary, they try to force batsmen to hit runs off good balls, protecting themselves by setting a deep field.

White balls, which swing so much process have belied.

so much more, have helped, allowing early wickets to be taken and so putting bats-men on the detensive.

Thus far this new ortho-doxy is working well. Limit-ed-overs cricket is growing more, not less, like its more serious progenitor. So tight has been the bowling down under this winter that Australla have been averaging 210 runs an innings, 30 short of their usual tally. Spectators in this World

Cup will see a contest in which batsmen are challenged to make runs against bowlers reluctant to give them any and un-willing to compromise their

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A feast of lively viewing lies ahead

BY KEN LAWRENCE

THE fifth World Cup opens tonight on Sky Sports with a warning for those traditionalists who shudder at the sight of a cartoon duck waddling across the screen ac-companied by a strident South African voice advising the dismissed batsman to get on his bike. "You ain't seen nothing yet," David Hill says. and he warrants a hearing.

Hill was the head of Australia's Channel 9, which orchestrated the television revolution of cricket coverage 14 years ago after Kerry Packer tried to turn the game into a circus.

Hill introduced that duck, Quackers, the multi-camera overage with its different angles and replays, micro cameras in stumps and the chalkboard which, like a school blackboard, highlights the patterns of play and ex-plains to viewers who do not know the difference between

MOST MATCHES

LEADING RUN-SCORERS

fine leg and gully which is which and who stands where. Today Hill is head of Sky Sports, who paid \$2 million for the exclusive right to screen live 26 of the 39 matches that will decide the limited-overs world champions. He has worked in Britain since Sky opened in 1988 "because I feel that here, unlike Australia, you can influence the technology: you can

He considers his Australian revolution evolution. "Even-tually all of it came to the UK," Hill says, and while future change will be slower, all sport will be vastly differ-

have your own ideas and tell

the wire benders to work on

ent in 20 years' time. But how different can cricket become? In this new age, coloured clothing is accepted if a little reluctantly. White balls and black sightscreens are a feature of the World Cup and for the first time also there will be microphones to

pick up the sound of ball on bat, wicket or whatever, and so-called lipstick cameras in the stumps at each end. Sky is promoting the World Cup as war - and never will

viewers have been closer to a battle zone. Its coverage is exclusive. Sky has scheduled 260 hours of World Cupbroadcasts, 140 of them live. Much of that, inevitably, is in the middle of the night here or, with the day-night matches, starts in the early hours. The only England match not

scheduled to be screened at the moment is that against Sri Lanka on March 8, aithough negotiations are con-Where matches overlap

like England's opening match tomorrow against In-dia, which starts at 5.30am, with the close of the Australia-New Zealand game — England are promised priority. Many matches will be rerun in their entirety, mostly on the same day and at more socia-

ble hours. Hill has little influence over the pictures Sky will be showing: Channel 9 and TV New Zealand are beaming theirs around the globe. "It will be quality view-ing." Hill insists. "People tend to forget how near to Test Match Special Channel 9 has become and it will be a gourner's feast of cricket. even without Viv Richards and Wagar Younis."

There is also an international panel of commentators, which every nation will

This includes the experienced Richie Benaud, Tony Greig, Ian Chappell, Bill and Tony Cozier joined by new recruits in Sumil Gavaskar, Greg Chappell and David Gower. Back-up in London is pro-

vided by Charles Colvile with David Lawrence, the England fast bowler injured in New Zealand this month, John Emburey, David Lloyd and Bob Willis.

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Hurdle beforehand, but

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By far and away the happi-

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Call to all treating

OLIVER Sherwood has al-

ready won one decent race this week when Springaleak triumphed at Warwick on Wednesday, under a fine ride from Jamie Osborne. Now I expect him to score again with another mare, Mossy Fern, in the FTC Skip Tracing Novices' Chase at

TOP Section Kempton today. Mossy Fern was unbeaten over fences until she spoiled her record last time out when making such a bad mistake in the West Of Scotland Pattern Novices' Chase that Osborne had no chance of staying aboard.

That error, in a race eventually dominated by those classy horses Jodami and King's Curate, was out of character, which can be

MANDARIN

2.20 Mountain Kingdom.

gauged by a glance at Mossy Fern's previous record.

I did not see two earlier victories at Warwick or Folkestone, but I was standing close to the last fence at Ascor in January when she won the Peter Ross Novices' Chase over three miles, and it was impossible not to admire her athleticism.

She jumped like a stag when making virtually all the running.

Caught in that vein again, she will prove very hard to beat, even by Keep Talking who won nicely enough over today's course and distance five weeks ago, after disappointing at Sandown prev-

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RICHARD EVANS

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MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Mossy Fern can make amends

Sherwood and Osborne, to be completed by Bas De Laine winning the SWT Investigations EBF National Hunt Novices' Hurdle qualifier.

Since winning first time out at Newbury this French-bred six-year-old, who relishes the prevailing fast conditions underfoot, has run well enough in all his races to suggest that he should prove equal to the task of giving the Martin Pipe-trained Noble Insight

Mountain Kingdom, my selection for the FTC Corporate Recovery Novices' Hurthe first leg of a double for dle, is clearly not the force over jumps that he was once on the Flat when he won the Ormonde Stakes and the Yorkshire Cup in the space of a week. Nevertheless, he chasing debut. should still be able to beat However, I doubt whether Interpretation on these

Even a 41b penalty, for winning at Sandown eight days ago, is unlikely to prevent the in-form Sirvah Jay from winning the FTC Credit Venting Handicap Chase.

terms.

At Kelso, Gee Armytage can celebrate her return to the saddle after injury by win-ning the Ship Hotel Novices' Chase for her father, Roddy, on Merry Master, who is my nap having beaten Tuesday's Sedgefield winner Senator Snugfit by three lengths at Carlisle last time out.

Cliffalda was six lengths adrift in third place on that occasion, on what was his

Cliffalda will be able to close that nine-length gap appreciably on only 5lb better terms. Preoblakensky (3.00) and Jinxy Jack (4.00) are more

Gran Alba narrowly in the likely winners for Cliffalda's Kingwell Hurdle at trainer and jockey. Gordon Wincanton yesterday. Richards and Neale Dough-"Now perhaps everyone ty, on the Scottish track. will believe he's a good horse," said Tim Thomson Jinxy Jack has already won the Percy Arms Morebattle Hurdle twice and it will be a

Jones, triumphantly. "That should make people sit up brave person who bets and take notice. He would against him landing a treble have gone close to winning in this company, even though last year if he hadn't fallen he has been chasing this three out and he's a 7lb better horse this season." So often in the past has

Fidway prevented himself EBBE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD from revealing his full potential by stopping after hitting the front too soon. But yesterday, Scudamore,

although his mount was cruising two furlongs from home, delayed his challenge until allowing Fidway to poke his nose in front inside the final 100 yards to beat Gran Alba by half-a-length with Oh So Risky a disappointing third, 12 lengths away. "If I'd been Lester Piggott,

I'd have waited even longer," Scudamore said. With Granville Again as his Champion Hurdle mount, the jockey was invited to make comparisons. "Fidway

THE Maktoum family yes-

terday announced plans to

expand its racing interests in the United Arab Emirates.

The family is forming the

By Michael Seely

FIDWAY was top quoted at 12-1 with Corals for the Champion Hurdle after quickening impressively. under a cheeky ride from Peter Scudamore, to beat

Fidway strengthens

claim for Champion

Thomson Jones: singing Fidway's praises

is a lovely horse. I was going so easily two out that I didn't know whether to be pleased or whether to be worried about the future. He's rather like Granville Again in that he only does just enough to win. And Morley Street is very much the same."

Both Richard Hannon and Graham Bradley were more than satisfied with Gran Alba, yesterday's beaten favourite. "He's a six-year-old entire horse and takes a lot of getting fit," said the trainer.
"He'll be better for the race and well suited by the hill at Cheltenham." Toby Balding, Morley

Street's trainer, having flown

sport in the states of Abu Dhabi, Sharjah and Amjam.

Less than 100 horses are

currently in training in the UAE, but it is hoped the

Emirates Club formed

seven lengths in the Jim Ford Challenge Cup. Form-wise, the performance was nothing to write home about. But yesterday's 6-4 on winner once again galloped and jumped with much of the zest he had shown before Christmas when winning so impressively

at Ascot and Cheltenham. "He was a sick horse after Wetherby," said the trainer. "I was principally worried before because my horses have been wrong. But Kings Fountain blew up at the cross fence (four from home) and

will be a lot better for that." Kings Fountain is now generally on offer for the Cheften-

ham Gold Cup at 10-1. After Martin Pipe had won the first division of the Mere Maiden Hurdle with Val D'Authie, the champion trainer confirmed that Rolling Ball will be an absentee from tomorrow's Racing Post Chase at Kempton.

"It's a recurrence of the leg problem that has affected him in the past. Whether he'll run again this season is not yet certain, but it's been a

g lies ahead

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2.20 Mountain Kin 2.50 Harley. 3.20 Mossy Fern. 3.50 MIAMI IN SPRING (nap). 4.20 Sirrah Jay. 4.50 Bas De Lame. 2.50 Strands Of Gold. 3.20 Mossy Fern. 3.50 Threeoutoffour. 4.20 Sirrah Jay. 4.50 Bas De Laine. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.50 BAS DE LAINE. Brian Beel; 2.50 Harley. GOING: GOOD TO FIRM **SIS** 2.20 FTC CORPORATE RECOVERY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,828: 2m 4f) (9 runners) P Holley e 99 W Marketand 74 Page Hobbs — I Lawrence — H Davies — R Darmoody &8 BETTING: 4-5 Mountain Kingdom, 5-4 Interpretation, 10-1 Beryt's Joke, 14-1 Grey Gypsy, 20-1 others. 1991: RIVERSIDE BOY 8-11-0 F Soudamore (11-5 fav) M Pipe 18 ran FORM FOCUS MOUNTAIN KINGDOM 21/sl 2nd of 4 to New York Reinbow in Sandown novice hurdle (2m good); previously 21/sl 2nd of 7 to 8ter Quest in nevice hurdle 2nd 30/sl, good to firm); previously 81/sl 2nd of 7 to 8ter Quest in nevice hurdle with GETAWAY BLAKE pulled up before halfway, firm) handicap hurdle in November 1990. INTER-2.50 MATTHIAS CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,266: 3m) (11 runners) (Amsteurs: £1,200: 3fm) (17 runners) 201 41/12- PORT HALL 286 (D,P) (J Wadhem) Mrs L Wadhem 13-18-7 Miss T Bracegirdis (7) 75 202 1F141-4 SOME OBLIGATION 18 (D,BF,F,8) (J Upcon) J Upcon 7-12-7 D Costello (8) 80 203 211- WALL GAME 317 (D,G) (Mrs J Delahooks) 7-18-7 NON-RUNNER D MON-RUNNER D MCCain (7) 80 204 1/4203F- WELLINGTON BROWN 286 (P) (J Vali) Mrs H Trigg 8-18-7 M Betters (7) 80 205 PUPCA-1 HARLEY 14 (D,S,6) (Mrs J Seton) Mrs J Batton 12-18-4 D McCain (7) 90 206 P;3415-5 CUEENSWAY BOY 20 (D,F,8,8) (Mrs J Batton 12-18-4 N Bradley (7) 83 207 38603-6 AHERLOW 20 (CD,G,6) (K Hollowell) K Hollowell 13-18-0 K Hollowell (7) 84 208 24F73-F BOB TBDALL 8 (D,S,6) (R Ogten) N Gascies 13-18-0 Mrs A Ogden (7) 9 99 209 104/F ORUMPET DELITIE 14 (G,5) (Mrs K Birchenhough) H Welstead 12-18-0 Mr R Anner D Mrs A D Mrs A A D Mrs A A R Anner Mrs A Bradley (7) 210 3/P3F- TUMBLE TIME 298 (A Figg) Miss Polly Boys 8-18-0 Mrs A Figs (7) Mrs A Figs (BETTING: 3-1 Harley, 7-2 Some Obligation, 4-1 Wellington Brown, 5-1 Strands Of Gold, 6-1 Fort Hall, 8-1 Bob Tiedell, 10-1 Attentow, 12-1 others. 1991: LEAN AR AGHAIDH 14-12-10 Mr D Gray (11-4 fav) 8 Mettor 18 min

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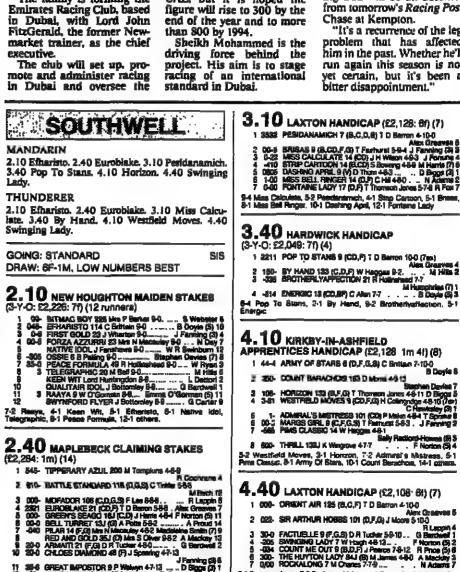
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14 600- ESCAPE TALK 14J (F) J Dooler 57-11 **COURSE SPECIALISTS** 6 Eurobiske, 5-2 Battle Standard, 6-1 Tipperary Azul, 8-1 Mador, 12-1 Armsiti, 14-1 others TRAINERS: Lord Huntingdon, 4 winners from 14 runners, 28 6%, 7 D Barron, 48 from 190, 25,3%, J Pearce 7 from 33, 21 2% W O'Gorman, 22 from 105, 21 0%. W Heggas, 6 from 31, 19 4%, M Bell, 7 from 40, 17 5% ☐ David Bridgwater was banned for four days (February 29 to March 3) for excessive JOCKEY'S Alex Greaves 51 winners from 174 index, 293%, N Day, 13 from 72, 18 1% Emma O'Gorman, 18 from 111, 16 2%, T Sprake, 5 from 31, 16 1% G Carter, 27 from 173, 15.6%, W Ryan, 8 from 50, 13.3% use of the whip on Just A Memory at Catterick yesterday. Jason Callaghan received a twoday ban for misuse of the whip on Obeliski. RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Going: standard

Göng; standard 1.50 (2m 21 holle) 1. Classac Account (Dale McKeown, 6-4 lav) 2. Valued Friend (33-1), 3. Fully Stratched (20-1) 9 ran 71, 41 J Alechnets Tote E2 40, E1 80 £4 50, £6 70 DF £46 50 CSF £41.04

2.20 (2m hdle) 1. Come Lane (A Dichen, 4-1 lav), 2. Sconted Goddess (13-2), 3. French Legonnare (5-7) 12 ran 101, 18 Gusbby Yote 14-30, 170, 11-80, 11-70, DF 113-40 CSF 129-35, Tricast 1122-47

2.50 (2m 4f hole) 1, Jan-Re (A Megune, Evons lav), 2, Ben Zabeedy (9.4), 3, Yallow Spring (16-1), 4 ran, 31, 51, F Murphy Tole £1.50 DF £1.50 CSF

Wincanton VVIII CZ(TLOTI
Gong) good

2.00 (2m hdle) 1, VA LUTE (D Matthews.
13-8 fav); 2, Pollock (P Scudamore, 5-1);
13. Miramac (J Frost., 16-1); 13. Rushy
Music plut R Davis; 20-1) ALSO RAN-17-2
Grotius (pu), 10 Atterkelly, 12 Blanton
Reserve, Ramble (f), 20 Gerda's Gold
(5th), Away From Reality, 25 Pure Blass,
33 Pensan Style, 50 Lucky Blue, Music
Wonder, War Dancer, Ludlow Lady, 66
Lad Lane, Tan Sheck Jack (pu), Daring
(class (6th), Lady Bunting, Swiff Sheam
(pu), 21 ran. 10, 81, do-1h; 2, 1191 R
Holder at Bristot. Tote, 63 do't, 61, 52, 10

E2.10, Miramac E2.30, Rusty Music £4.20
DF: E5.50 CSF £10 35 2.30 (2m 5/ch) 1, SHANNAGARY (Mass P Curing, 100-30); 2, Rambling Song (Mr R Farrant, 3-1); 3, Folk Dances (Mr M Houngan, 95-40 fav) ALSO RAN 4 Sensitor Of Rome (ur), 7 Pukkli Major (4th), 5 rain, Nr, 1st, 8 R Hodges at Somerton Toter 54-40, \$1.60, \$2.30. OF \$2.40 CSF \$12-40

3.00 (2m hdie) 1, FIDWAY (P Scudamore, 11-4); 2, Gran Alba (G Bradley, 10-11 qv.); 3, Oh So Risky (P Holley, 3-1) ALSO RAN-20 Vestris Abu (5th), 100 Kadan (6th), 150 Landyap (4th) 6 ran ¹61, 121, 101, 21, dast T Thomson Jones at Upper Lambourn. Tota. £3.50, £1.90, £1.30. DF: £2.10 CSF £5.38.

3.30 (3m 1f ch) 1, KINGS FOUNTAIN (A Tory, 4-6 fev, Private Handicapper's top rading), 2, Aquilifer (P Scudamore, 3-1); 3, Soracava (J Frost, 5-1) ALSO RAN: 25 Laudendale Led (pu), 100 Turpin's Green (pu), 150 Royal Craftsman (4th) 6 ran NR: General Merchant 71, rk. 6ts K Balley at Upper Lambourn Toles' £1.80; £1.20, £1.50 DE £1.70. CSF £2.65 4.00 (2m ch), 1, STORM ALERT (S E1.20, E1.50 OF E1.70. CSF £2.65
4.00 (2m ch) 1, STORM ALERT (S McNedi, 33-1); 2, Coole Bodger (B Powell, 6-1), 3, The Shy Controller (M Pitman, 7-2) ALSO RAN 13-8 fev Betatona Fox (f), 10 Master South Lad, 12 Trutam (Sth), 14 Bumptious Bay (401), 25 mapprise Fight (pu), 30 Parky Pete (pu), Romful Prince (pu), 40 Recidivati, 50 Cotagous (6th), 36 Poider (pu), Regal Tiger (ref.) 14 ran Nk, 10, 314, 101, nk A Turnell at East Hendred, Toter E41.20; 27.50, £1.90, £1.40 OF, £177.90 CSF £167 (78).

4.30 (2m hdis) 1, VAL, D'AUTHIE (P Scudamore, 13-2); 2, Blasker Hero (J Osborne, 8-1); 3, Obbloom (Mrs P Nash, 14-1) ALSO RAN: 8-11 fav Vallam Warnor (4th), 8 Riverwise, 11 Lark Rise (5th), 25

Rides Per cent

Pansan Express (6th) 33 Prima Aurora (pu), 50 Bustino Bay, 65 Tser Alexos, Northern Columbs 11 fan NS-Lanedowne 2/91, 71, 11, 101, 71 M Pipe at Wellington Tote £5.50, £2.00, £1.80, £3.80 OF £17.00 CSF £53.31 5.00 (2m hote) 1, MISTER MAJOR (R Guest 4-7 fay), 2 The Black Monk (P Scudamore, 11-2), 3, Marsh Warbler (J Frost, 16-1) ALSO RAN 4 Ananula (6th), 16 Blue Aeroplane (I), 20 Pholostra, 33 Of De Loir (4th), 50 Thuhool Winoslu (5th), Thunder Bug, 66 Chespo, Jervandha 12 ran 6, 7, 33-1, 15-1, 81 G Balding at Whitcombe Tote, £1.80 £1.10, £1.30, £3.90 DF £3.20 CSF £5.06 Pacapor: 253 30 Mulphy iose £150 DF £150 CSF Mulphy iose £171 DF £150 E2.50 £100 £1.50 £2.40 DF £130 £2.50 £2.40 DF £130 £150 E2.50 £1.50 E2.50 £1.50 E2.50 E

Catterick Bridge Going: good to firm
1.40 (3m 1/ 80yd hdle) 1. Troodos (D
Wilshrson, 7-2), 2. Regen (3-1), 3. Topcliffs
(7-1) Sparter Renger 5-2 fav 12 ran Ns.
31 Mrs 5 Austin Toler 55 40, 55 50, 51 50.
52 60 DF, 56 90 CSF, 51 228

2-10 (2m ch) 1, Revario (8 Storey, 9-1), 2, Obeleski (2-1 fav), 3, Temble Gel (3-1), 14 nan NR: Mega Blue, Hd, 11/31 Mrs, 3 Ramsdon Tote, £10-40, £170, £160, £1,60 DF; £11-60 CSF £24-74 \$1.60 UP: \$11.60 CSF \$24.74
2.40 (2m hdle) 1, Great Fun (R Hodge, 6-1), 2, Kristenbosch (6-1), 3, Just A. Memory (8-1), 4, Star Oats (15-2), Sovereign Niche 5-1 fav. 17 ran. NR: Lord Rinass 11, 31, Mrs J Remsden Tote: 68 70; \$2.60, \$2.30, \$51.50, \$2.70 DF \$2.63, \$3.10 (3m 11 80yd ch) 1. Change The Name (R Supple, 33-1), \$2. Decent Man (5-1), 3. Semice (5-1) \$1.92 a Gazeta 7-4 lav. 11 ran. 71, \$1.50 Rothwell Tote: \$57.30; \$8.50, \$1.50, \$2.10 Dr (withner or second with any other) \$2.30 CSF: \$176.31. Inchast \$589.76

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3.40 (2m helps) 1. Tapatch (M Dwyer, 3-1 ji-lev); 2. Souson (16-1); 3. Jendee (25-1) Primino 3-1 ji-lev 17 ran. NR. Snawwal. Nk. 71. G Moore Tote £4 50. £2 50, 783.50, £2.80. DF. £183.40 CSF £47.37
4.10 (2m ch) 1. Treeldder (R Garrity, 5-1); 2. Marcpo (8-1), 3. Cavaker Crossett (25-1). Ringmore 5-2 tav 13 ran. Nk. 41. M W Easterby Tote. £7 40. £2 50, £2.80. £3.30. DF £18.30. CSF: £40.82 Tricesal. 4.40 (2m fat) 1. Kenliworth Lad (R Hodge, 9-2); 2. Wishing Gate (5-4 fax), 3. Debt Of Honor (16-1) 12 ran. 51, nk. Mrs. 6 Reveley. Tote. £3 70, £1.10, £1.30, £2.40. DF £4.50. CSF: £9.88. Placepore £577.50.

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Revealing how Krabbe came to fail her test



THE legal adviser to the German athletics federation (DLV) will today meet the South African team that took the urine sample from Katrin Krabbe that led to the suspension of the world 100 and

The DLV, which is concerned about the threats of legal action from Krabbe, and Silke Möller and Grit Breuer, the other German athletes who have also been suspended pending a full hearing, has sent Norbrecht Lorenz, a law-

yer, to South Africa. If the trio, who are alleged to have manipulated the urine samples, are not cleared at the hearng, they face a four-year ban from athletics and will miss the Barcelona Olympics.

Professor Manfred Donike, of Cologne, one of the most experienced drugs analysts in the world, conducted the tests on both the A

and B samples for the three former East German athletes. He found them identical and said that the urine came from the same

In Cape Town today, Lorenz will meet Chris Hattingh, a pharmacist, who is head of the Athletics South Africa doping committee, two doctors, and another official who formed the team that took the specimens from four German athletes on Friday, January 24.

The trio of female athletes and the fourth competitor, who cannot be named for drug-testing protocol reasons, were all training in the Republic in preparation for the indoor season.

Hattingh, who lives in Potchef-

stroom in the Transvaal, said that to cause them the least inconhe had received a fax from the DLV asking him to obtain samples from the German athletes. He spoke by telephone on the evening of Thursday. January 23 to Thomas Springstein, the coach to Krabbe, who was staying with the group in Stellenbosch, near

Springstein wanted the urine samples to be given in the hotel, but Hattingh insisted that they should be provided at the doping control centre at the Stellenbosch stadium where the athletes were

Springstein said there were appointments for interviews at 9am and that training started at 10am," Hattingh said

"We knew that they liked a rigid timetable but knew that we could fit in the taking of the samples

venience." Hattingh got up at -Sam on the Friday morning, drove the 70 miles to Johannesburg airport, and caught the flight to Cape Town.

He arrived at 8.40am and was met by another member of the sampling group, and they drove to the Stellenbosch stadium. There they were joined by other members, together with the German athletes.

The four were all observed giving their urine samples in the customary manner.

"There was nothing out of the ordinary whatsoever and there was an amicable atmosphere. We were finished by 10.10am," Hamingh said.

The South Africans use the "Envopak" system of sealing This is the same as the one employed in Britain, and makes it evident if anyone has tried to tamper with the sample. The athlete observes the urine being poured into the containers. The numbers scaling the container are noted, and the competitor signs a piece of paper acknowledging

these numbers. Hattingh himself took the containers to Cape Town airport for the return flight, and they were checked in with the rest of his

He collected them at Johannesburg airport and handed them to a freight agency for transfer on a Lufthansa flight for Germany.

Although South Africa has not yet become a full member of the international Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), it has had a testing programme for several years and an out-of-competition programme since last winter.

fore, clearly experienced in drugtesting protocol and have taken samples from about 500 competilaylor

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tors over the last year. This is not the first occasion that Krabbe and Breuer have provided contentious specimens. It is alleged that in July 1991, a few weeks before Krabbe won her two gold medals, the two athletes also produced identical samples. But no action was taken at the

Nike, the American sportswear company with which Krabbe and Breuer have contracts, yesterday said it would support the runners until all the evidence had been produced.

Dusty Kidd, a Nike spokesman, said: "This particular situation suggests manipulation. But the question is, who did the manipu-

New Zealander's late charge earns first Games medal

Kronberger's golden run is the icing on the cake

FROM DAVID POWELL IN MERUBEL

TODAY is Petra Kron-berger's 23rd birthday and she wakes up to it as the outstanding woman Alpine skier of the Winter Olympics. Unless Alberto Tomba wins the men's slaiom tomorrow she will be remembered as the skier of these Games.

Yesterday, Kronberger wor her second gold medal. It came in the slalom and did not look likely after the first of two runs. But, on the second, she skied with a dexterity that ought to take many more birthdays to acquire. Austri-an ski schools will be playing the video for years to come.
This was Kronberger as

good as she has ever been in slalom; better, in fact. Coming into the Games, her skiing had been lethargic. Winning on the World Cup circuit had lost its appeal and she suffered a succession of feats. But the Olympics

Only 0.06sec separated the first three after the morning run and, with a gap to fourth, it was asking a lot for anyone else to break into the medals.

Tout has

hopes of

a medal

FROM CHRIS MOORE

THE only certainty sur-

rounding today's four-man

bob competition here is that it

promises to be one of the most

crews could win the gold

medal, and there's double

that number in the hunt for the others," Mark Tout, of

Britain, said yesterday while

still confidently predicting his

teum - which is completed by George Farrell, Paul Field

and Lenny Paul - can achieve a finish in the first

the door all season and finally

got a foot through it in last

week's two-man race." Tout

said. Tout led the two-man

competition with Paul at the

halfway stage before slipping

back to finish sixth after a

poor third run, and clocked the seventh-fastest time in

yesterday's final practice run

pressure of leading a competi-

tion is all about and, if we get ourselves in the same position

neain in the four-man, I'm

Wolfgang Hoppe, of Ger-

many, the double Olympic champion in 1984, and sec-

ond in both events in 1988.

again starts as one of the

Weder, of Switzerland, the

winner of last week's two-man

sure we will handle it better."

"We now know what the

for the four-man event.

"We've been knocking on

"Any one of four or five

open in Olympic history.



States, had the lead and Blanca Fernández-Ochóa, of Spain, was second. At this point, Annelise Coberger, of New Zealand, was thinking that fifth would be good. The one New Zealand journalist covering these Games did not have the conviction to go to the course. He stayed in the press-room to watch on

Coberger had finished a disappointing eighth on the first run, sending New Zea-

THE mystery of the lowly

mark of 4.2 given to Joanne Conway, the British figure

skating champion, on Wed-

nesday evening for the first

element of the women's

Olympic event was cleared up

yesterday. Mary Pearson, the

Canadian Judge, had pressed

the wrong button; she had meant 5.2 for presentation. Believing herself hard done

by, Conway called the mark

The mistake was thought to

have cost Conway two places,

but this will not be known for

certain until the full protocol

of the championships is pub-

Both Pearson and the refer-

ee, Ben Wright, of the United

States, were stunned when

they saw the mark on the

public display boards, but by

marks are first displayed on

individual screens in front of

Les Saisies: Michael Dixon,

of Britain, improved from

thirteenth place in Calgary to

twelfth in the 20-kilometre

biathlon yesterday but

showed marksmanship

equalled by only two other

competitors. Dixon, aged 29,

of the Royal Engineers, said:

"I'm only about a minute off

Wright explained that the

scandalous".

lished on Sunday.

then it was too late.

Only the committed stayed up until 2am to watch their skier on the second run. The rewards were huge. New Zea-land' got its first Winter Games medal in Olympic his-

tory. The silver. The tension, though, would have trembled the hand of the firmest of sheep shearers. The method here is that the fastest 15 from the first run started the second in reverse order. Not one of the four immed-lately after Coberger, who had the fastest time on the second course, could catch her, which left Kronberger, Fernández-Ochóa and Parisien, each of them almost a second quicker in the morning, to come.

Kronberger flew by. "I thought I was going to come fourth." Coberger said. Fer-nandez-Ochoa finished 0.25sec behind. The last of the contenders to go was Parisien. Would Coberger get silver or bronze?

Parisien is fussy about the music she plays on her Walkman as she waits her turn: something mellow before the giant slalom and heavy metal for the slalom, because "it gets me pumped". So, this

Judge admits error after

Conway is marked down

FROM JOHN HENNESSY IN ALBERTVILLE

him and the judges, but

because of excessive lighting, which dulied the screen, nei-

ther he nor Pearson had no-

ticed the error. It was his

duty, when all marks had

been assembled, to press the

release button. "They are us-

ing a new system here and

once I'd pressed the button

Dixon satisfied with improvement

during the race, but twelfth

Dixon was timed at 59min

20.2sec compared with

57min 34.4sec set by Evgeny

Redkine, of the United Team,

the winner. Redkine and Jiri

Holubec, of Czechoslovakia,

were the only competitors be-

place makes it well worth

while."

the medals and I was sick sides Dixon to hit all 20

WINTER OLYMPICS RESULTS

fortunately for her, she skied with heavy metal under her feet and dropped from first to

Pernilla Wiberg, the Swede who had won the giant slalom on Wednesday, fell on the first run, meeting the same fate as Kronberger, the combined champion, had in the

giant slalom. Well done, then, to Emma Carrick-Anderson who, as the youngest skier here, at 16, and British, finished all three events in which she took part. She added nineteenth place in the slalom to seventeenth in the combined and 23rd in the giant slalom.

I am not far away from the people at the top now," she mid. When she returns to the ski school in Austria, at which she works full time, the Kronberger tapes should keep the young Brit spinning in the right direction.

🗆 Deborah Compagnoni, o Italy, who won the Olympic super-giant slalom on Tues day, will be out for up to six months after injuring her left knee during the giant slalom on Wednesday. She will un-

there was no going back," he

triple lutz by one of the favourites. Midori Ito, virtu-

ally killed her hopes of adding the Olympic gold medal to her world ritle of 1989. She is

in fourth place and has the

same problem that confront-

ed, and confounded, the

men's world champion, Kurt Browning, last week. She has to win tonight's free skating

and still depend on another

skater surpassing the world

champion. Kristi Yamaguchi, of the United

But whereas ito, at 22,

seems to be going downhill. Yamaguchi, a year younger.

has not yet approached her

peak. She performed all the elements of the short pro-

gramme flawlessly and leads

from her compatriot, Nancy

Kerrigan, and Surya Bonaly,

targets on the rifle range.

A notice has appeared in

the press centre at the Games,

saying: "Close out sale; Soviet

training suits for sale. Offers

of hard currency." The Uni-ted Team are selling their

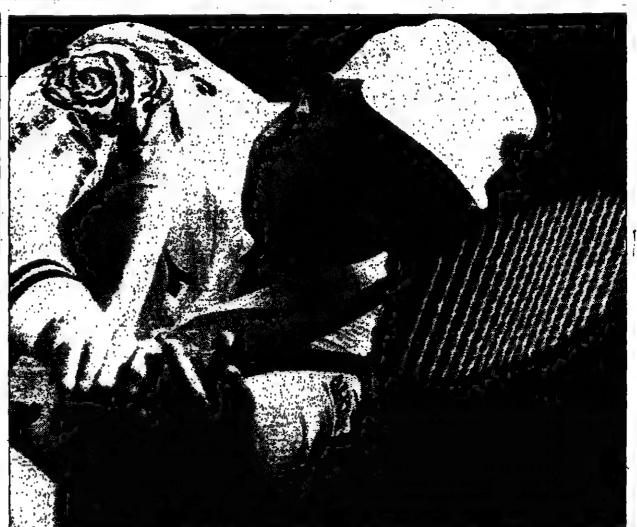
suits bearing the Cyrillic

than the average annual sala-

"CCCP" for E85 each - more

States

Meanwhile, a failure on the



Eyes on the prize: Courier shows the determination he will need to hold the No. 1 place in the rankings

Courier seeking the respect due a player in his position

By Andrew Longmore TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

THE most celebrated resident of Dade City, Florida, had spent the morning on the Porsche test track in Stuttgart. One of the perks of life on the Tour. "I like to have fun, to do something different," he said.

To be honest, it is hard to tell when Jim Courier, the new world No. 1, is having fun. Little gestures, little asides point to a sense of humour, but somehow it never quite emerges from a tangle of honest cliché and downright suspicion. Just when you think you have caught a glimpse of some-thing, it vanishes and what remains tends to be more

Ford than Porsche. An unflattering profile in the American magazine, Sports Illustrated, after his victory in the French Open last year has made Courier understandably wary, though his hurt stemmed more from the lack of praise for his, and Andre Agassi's achievement, in contesting an all-American final than

from the personal criticism. Courier himself is certain that he is "a good guy", just as he will own up to being "cocky" (Boris Becker's adjective, not mine) and "self-ish". These are the tools of a trade in which he has turned from apprentice to master in

less than a year. Only time — and, at the age of 21. he has plenty of that — will tell whether Courier takes up permanent resi-dence in high office, but there is a suspicion that he has more than just a set of initials in common with one

Born: August 17, 1970. Lives In-Dade City. Turned pro: 1986. Height: 5ft 1in Weight: 175lb. Career: Grand siem titles: 2 (Franch and Australian). Career titles: 5. In 1991 was finalist in both the US Open and ATP Tour champlonship and quarter-finalist at Wimbledon. On February 8, 1992, hearants lanth player — and fourth

became lenth player — and fourth American — to reach the men's No.1 ranking.

James Scott Connors, Connors, of course, was top dog for 159 weeks and is still nipping a few distinguished heels at the age of 39. Courier accepts the comparison, but regards it as doubleedged, a reflection that his own character can only be described in terms of others. A bit of Connors's grit here, more than a touch of Lendl's discipline there, even, in his early days when his temper matched his ginger hair, a dash of McEnroe. A champl-on's image assembled like a

jigsaw from left-over pieces. "I'm flattered by the comparison with Connors. But I have the competitive instinct of me inside me," he says. No problems for Bates

smoothly into the quarter-

finals of the LTA indoor satel-

lite circuit tournament at

Coventry yesterday with a 6-

4, 6-0 win over Brian

Garrow, of the United States,

once ranked as high as

"I'm not trying to create any image for myself. Jimmy's definitely Jimmy and I'm def-Initely Jim."

to No. I two weeks ago was greeted with a tinkle of a dinner bell, not a clash of cymbals, is largely his own fault. He has risen so fast nobody has had time to appreciate the unglamorous qualities that make the French and Australian Open champion so dangerous.

"In that way I am similar to Lendl. I will have to earn my respect," Courier admits. "I have worked as hard as I can to get to this point. Now I'll be working even harder and if I can achieve what Lendl has in the game I'll be more than delighted."

A youth spent playing baseball has left an indelible. if not exactly artistic, mark on Courier's tennis. His racket is strung so tight, each shot has the meaty thud of a home run. Equally, his debaseball cap tugged to and fro - reflects the pitcher he might have been.

☐ Stuttgart: John McEnroe

missed a match point and

was given a penalty point for

throwing his racket while

being defeated by Karel No-

vacek in the first round of the

Eurocard Classic here. Nova-

cek won 3-6, 7-6, 6-2,

"I'm certainly not the prettiest player in the world to

over an hour.

(Agencies)

JEREMY Bates moved matches, got through in just

"I am effective, not elegant. But the bottom line is results and my results speak for themselves," Courier That Courier's ascendancy

What upsets him is that some critics refuse to accept those at face value either. He has never, for example, beaten either Lendl or Becker. "Sometimes people think my results are just bluff. But, I tell you what, if you'd have said to me before I'd started I would win two grand slams and become No. 1, I would have said: That'll do.' Even a year ago. I wouldn't have dreamed of it."

When he is on the Tour, Courier travels light. His coach is the wily Spaniard, José Higueras, who has added refinement to Courier's raw power, but he does not travel full time, so his assistant coach, Brad Stine, and Courier's French girffriend, Morgan, complete the team. Home is an unpretentious apartment ten minutes away from downtown Dade City, where his father is sales manager of an orange juice

His parents rarely come to the tennis. "I'm sure they would like to be at every match I play, but I'm equally sure it's not something I'd like. Sometimes you have to be very selfish." FOR N BRIEF

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Kestafd Raid

Single-minded, honest, un-sophisticated, reliable, determined. Courier has all these and the potential to become a great champion, even a Wimbledon champion if he puts his mind to it. "There is so much I can do. Titles. I need to win more titles. Really, I've only just started." Jimmy or Jim? It's hard to

No. 93 in the world. Bates, who has dropped only one set in his last 11

Players want change

SQUASH RACKETS

seas players to abandon their Pimm's Premier League teams to play in an invitation event in Kuwait earlier this British players to press the Squash Rackets Association for changes that could exclude foreign players (Colin

McQuillan writes).

THE decision by three over- ered the implications of Ja- MIKE Hallett may be strug- final of last week's Regal and Ross Norman, of New

lost touch with the title race. | champion, on his way to the

SNOOKER

Hallett in command

hangir Khan, of Pakistan, gling to retain his place in the Welsh Open, maintained his Chris Dittmar, of Australia, top 16, but he showed no trace of anxiety as he beat Robby Foldvari, of Australia. 5-0 in the fourth round of the Pearl Assurance British Open at the Assembly Rooms, Derby, yesterday (Phil Yates

Wizards on February 10 and John Parrott, the world

solid form with a 5-0 win over Dene O'Kane, of New Zealand, while Willie Thorne, another player enjoying an encouraging start to the year. took the last three frames to beat Les Dodd 5-2.

Alpine skiing Women's slatom

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1988 winner N Gulyayev (USSR)
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Demonstration sport

Curling

WOMEN: Germany 7, Norway 3, Great Birtain 10, Japan 3

PROGRAMME

All times GMT Today

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month has prompted leading tions to play for both appearthe Kuwait Liberation Cup. Forced to play without

A special meeting of players in Cardiff this week considZealand, accepting invitaance fees and prize-money in

Dittmar and Norman, Vasari Cannons lost 4-0 to Welsh

Darren Morgan, who bear

Taylor mixes caution with elation

Jones displays an aptitude for the international game

By Stuart Jones, pootball correspondent

ROB Jones and Alan Shearer each made such a stunning impact on their first appearances for England that it is tempting to suggest that they have both embarked on long international careers. Impressive though they were and hugely promising though they are, their prospects should be regarded with a

Graham Taylor cannot remember two novices "doing as well as they did" during the 2-0 victory over France at Wembley on Wednesday. Yet he does recall that Gary Charles, another young right back, was the centre of similar admiration after last summer's South Pacific tour:

"Everybody was talking about him, myself included, England's manager reflected terday. "Now he isn't even in Nottingham Forest's first team." Nor is he the only player to have risen instantly to prominence and subsequently fallen away. Consider the cases, for instance, of

Tony Adams and Andy Gray. Bobby Robson once insisted that Adams would not only represent his country for a decade but would also be the captain of the side. A year later, in 1988, he endured a miserable European championship and soon dropped out

Barrett

opts to

join Villa

BY DENNIS SHAW

AND IAN ROSS

EARL Barrett, the England

international central defend-

er, has agreed a £1.7 million

transfer from Oldham Athlet-

ic to Aston Villa, in the pro-

cess turning down the chance

to join the League champi-

ons, Arsenal. Although Barrett, aged 25, had been in

talks with Arsenal for several

days and seemed likely to

scept the Highbury offer, Villa's intervention on Wed-nesday caused him to rethink.

Kevin Sheedy yesterday be-came the latest player of great

experience, following Brian

Kilcline to join Newcastle

United's fight to preserve

their second division status.

Sheedy agreed to join the

struggling Tyneside club

after meeting Kevin Keegan,

the team manager, yesterday

morning. He will complete

the formalities of a free trans-

fer from Everion today after

undergoing a statutory medi-

Wimbledon have signed

Gary Mabbutt yesterday

shrugged off his diabetic col-

lapse hours before England's

international against France on Wedneday. Mabbutt was

discovered unconscious in his

room at the team's Burnham

Beeches Hotel in Bucking-

hamshire, but after treatment

in hospital, he said yesterday:

merous times before, it is not

unusual and I am all right."

"It has happened to me nu-

the Celtic forward, Martin

Hayes, on a month's loan.

cal examination.

of contention for the World Cup party for Italy.

Nobody predicted Gray was destined for greatness but, once chosen for England's European championship qualifying tie in Poland three months ago, he lost his way, even at Crystal Palace.

"Some people make their debuts and then can't cope when they go back to their clubs," Taylor said, "There are unseen factors, which the public might not be aware of. They are paid more attention. they are written about more and they are represented ... by people they don't know who say they can do this and that for them.

Jones and Shearer demonstrated that they can cope inside the international arena. The composure of Liverpool's 20-year-old right back in particular, considering he was not in the original lineup, was remarkable for one so young and inexperienced. .

As well as restraining Amoros (who, poignantly, was setting a French record of 77 appearances), he had to guard against the intrusions of Perez. "We got a bit over-loaded on that side now and then." Taylor said, "and he could have wondered what to do but invariably he picked

AFTER Wednesday's anae-

mic exercise at Hampden

Park, what lessons can Scot-

land draw from their outing

against Northern Ireland which will be of any use in the

European championship finals in June? Little of real

value was learned, other than

confirmation of why most

people were glad to see the back of the home internation-

Nothing has changed since then. Two British teams

plugged away at each other in

what amounted to a training

Between them the sides de-

ploved six substitutes, with

the result that such shape as

the game possessed vanished

in the second half. "The big-

gest problem for me was that

the game was so disrupted,"

Andy Roxburgh, the Scot-land coach, said. "When you

use a large number of substi-

tutes like that it definitely

Gordon Strachan, who will

win his fiftieth cap against Finland on March 25, at

least afforded one of the few

pleasures of a dreary encoun-

ter which he enlivened with a

display of crossfield passing,

forceful running and remark-

able cover tackling. It was

astonishing to see the Scot-

land captain, aged 35, sprint

with Hughes and beat the

Manchester City player for

Strachan's efforts might

have been turned into some-

thing more substantial had

McStay been on hand to re-

upsets the flow of the game."

match which 13,651 specia

tors paid to watch.

al series eight years ago.

Moreover, Jones was involved in both goals, the first of which was scored instinctively by Shearer. His experimental partnership with David Hirst failed, as Taylor conceded, and it would surely have been more revealing and beneficial to have paired one of them with Gary

Lineker for each half.
Unaccustomed to being marked so closely. Shearer and Hirst did not know when to escape. England's defence, consquently, had no recog-nised outlet to relieve the pres-sure. Nevertheless, they held a French side which had scored in every game over the

The return of Mark Wright for the first time this season allowed Taylor to select three central defenders, a formation which he will probably use in Sweden in June. To be reliably effective, it requires the presence of Liverpool's commanding figure.

Taylor, though, agreed a conventional defence would doubtless have been unhinged on Wednesday. "If we'd played with a flat back four, they would probably have got through us. We have to be able to man-mark people." Martin Keown, the third new player, showed that

lieve him of the principal bur-

den of supplying the Scotland

attack, but once the Celtic

player withdrew on Tuesday

night because of a groin

strain, Scotland's strategy

we had decided to build

everything around Paul in this case," Roxburgh said. "Essentially, he was supposed to go out and run the game.

We would have responded

differently for a competitive

game, but we had committed

ourselves to using two new

caps and so the rest of the

team was really just patched into position."

This may excuse McClair

his indifferent contribution,

but the result was that the

burden fell on McAllister, un-

til he was joined by Collins.

Even so, the Scots made ten

scoring chances and it is

alarming that with five for-

wards in use at various times,

only McCoist was able to beat

Wright, and that with the

simplest of headers after two

defenders were distracted at a

new boys, were awarded pass marks by Roxburgh, but a

more rigorous examination of their credentials is required.

As for Northern Ireland.

whose neat approach work

was nullified by sterility in the

penalty area, they have

scarcely any more time than

the Scots to sort out their best

formation. The World Cup

qualifying matches are fur-

ther off than the European

finals, but not by much.

Wright and Robertson, the

corner kick.

"You must understand that

was undermined.

Strachan proves

staying power



A precision delivery: Ian Schuback, ple-tured above, in action during yesterday's play in the first round of the Midland Bank world indoor pairs bowls champion-ship at Preston Guild Hall (David Rhys Jones writes). Schuback and Rob Parrella, rugged and determined Australians, were given a hard game by the Scottish two-bowl pairs champions, David Gourlay Jr and Robert McCulloch, of Prestwick,

before scraping through, 7-5, in the fifth and final set. "We still managed to win. That can't be bad," a relieved Schuback

Lee Nixon and Adrian Welch, two teenagers from the Channel Islands, were never overawed by Mel Biggs and Wynne Richards, both experienced English inter-nationals, and were unfortunate to lose by

HOCKEY

Rowlands beaten at the last gasp

Pakistan ... Great Britain.

FROM SYDNEY PRIMEIN

GREAT Britain came within three minutes of snatching what would have been a hardearned point from Pakistan

IN KARACHI

in the first match of the Champions Trophy tournament here vesterday. The Olympic champions had reason to be grateful for Pakistan's ineptitude inside the circle, but the fact remains that but for another

heroic display by Sean Row-lands in goal the home side would have won handsomely. Martin, Potter and Laslett worked tirelessly and the inside forwards, Garcia and Clift, created several chances. But there was a marked lack of finishing power, with Kerly

and Thompson playing 100 close to one another. Luck played a large part in Britain's survival during the early stages, but once the defence had settled down Pakistan had to contend with some dangerous breakaway attacks and Kerly had two shots padded away.

Five minutes before the interval Garcia earned Britain their first short corner. Kerly. permitted another hit but this time the ball went astray.

Second half attacks from the hosts were beaten back and the Pakistan defence was given a fright when Laslett shot just wide of a post. The British attack looked much sharper after Mayer replaced Williams at the close of the

With time running out, Pakistan's efforts were rewarded when Shahbaz Ahmed, the captain, scored from a quick pass by Mohammed Shah-baz, as some of the British defenders appealed unsuc-cessfully for offside.

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GOLF

Conditions take a heavy toll

Tenerife: Steven Richardson is facing a second successive week without a pay-cheque after taking 78 in the first round of the Tenerife Open yesterday.

Richardson finished second in the money list last year, with earnings exceeding £500,000. That was helped by two tournament wins in the first five weeks, but he has been slower off the mark this

Richardson, from Lee-on-Solent, missed the cut last week after an opening 82 in the Turespana Masters in Malaga, and could do little better yesterday, as he had six bogeys in winds of up to 30 miles per hour. Describing the conditions as horrendous, he said: "My putting was awful. I could hardly do any worse if I tried."

David Gilford, his Ryder Cup colleague, also suffered in the wind at Golf Del Sur, taking an eight-over-par 80. Miguel Martin, of Spain, made the running with a 69. Bill Longmuir, the Scot, trailed by a stroke, with Gary Evans, of Worthing, a shot

further behind. (Agencies)

Grant, P Campil, J Robson, D Gdford, A Binagh (ft), P Fulks (Swe), 81: J Metcaffe, L Claverie (Sp.), E Graud (Fr), M Mouland, C Morsion 62: F Regard Fr), K Ableidinger (Austra) 53: W Henry 84: S Stephen, P Hediblom (Swe), W Henry 84: S Stephen, P Hediblom (Swe), To Balling (Televan), O Karlason (Swe), 70: B Buline (Can), L Porter (US), D Cnuz (Phil), 71: D Boulet (HG), Chen Tze-Ming (Tawan), C Endres (US), B Jobe (US), J Kernohan (US), 72: Kuo Che-heurig (Tawan), Lu Har-chuen (Televan)

HOCKEY

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RUGBY LEAGUE

FOR THE RECORD

BOXING

Offer to Holyfield to defend his crown in London

BY SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

challenging Evander Holyweight title in London in September, according to Lewis's promotion manager. Roget Levin.

He said yesterday that he and Lewis's manager, Frank Maloney, had had talks recently with Dan and Lau Duva, Holyfield's managers, and Seth Abraham, head of Home Box Office (HBO) and had offered Holyfield \$25 million to defend in Britain. Lewis would receive over \$2 million. Levin said \$19 million would come from television and the rest from the gate of 50,000. The bout would be held at a London ootball ground.

The Duvas were interested in taking up the offer but said no decision would be made until Holyfield had got his present commitments, which included a bout against Larry Holmes, out of the way.

HBO's public relations office has arranged a series of chat show appearances for Lewis in the United States to dispel the American perception of a British heavyweight contender being no more than a horizontal champion and also to show that Lewis as being "an erudite man with a

Lewis said yesterday that he was feeling frustrated waiting for a world title chance. "I want to fight Holyfield this

LENNOX Lewis could be ing in Carson City. Nevada, challenging Evander Holy- for his bout with Derek Wilchampion, and will return to London two weeks before the contest, which is expected to be in early April, depending on the date of the general

Meanwhile, a return bout tween Chris Eubank and Nigel Benn appears to have receded. Eubank has not categorically rejected the bout but does not seem excited about the idea. He is well placed financially and does not need a big pay off in a hard, physically damaging contest to consolidate his

The punters want the return, especially after Benn's disposal of Dan Sherry, of Canada, in three rounds at Alexandra Palace on Wednesday night. But Benn knows it is rapidly becoming little more than a dream.

Benn is likely to turn his attention away from the WBO crown, held by Eubank, to fight either Mauro Galvano (WBC), of Italy, Victor Córdoba (WBA), of Panama, who boxes out of Belfast, and Iran Barkley (IBF), of the United States. The man Benn would like most is Barkley because he has beaten him already, stopping him in the first round. Barkley, however, is moving up to light-heavyweight to challenge Thomas Hearns on

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL

Timely boost for Juventus revival

BY PETER ROBINSON

ITALY'S defeat of San Mari-no in Cesena on Wednesday may have caused just the gentlest ripple of interest in the rest of Europe, but it certainly made waves in Serie A. It offered confirmation of the potential of the champ-ionship challenge that is gaining strength at Juventus. Of the three Italian

goalscorers, two are at the heart of the Juventus revival. Roberto Baggio, who found the target twice, and Pier Luigi Casiraghi, who added a third goal, have both struck form at an ideal time if Juve are to peg back the runaway leaders from AC Milan.

"A goal will always lift your spirits," Baggio said, "but the important thing is that Casiraghi and I both scored. This means that Juventus can count on both of us as we try to catch up with Milan." Sunday's next stop on Juventus's road back to the

charges are staging a revival of their own. Climbing slowly away from the foot of the table. Bari hope to welcome back their English captain and inspiration, David Platt, after injury and give Boniek their coach, a day to savour against his former club. Milan, meanwhile, visit Genoa. PSV Eindhoven should ac-

top is Barl's San Nicola stadi-

um, where Zibi Boniek's

count for SVV/Dordrecht '90, their two-point lead at the top of the Dutch championship restored after a midweek win against VVV Venlo. while Feyenoord and Ajax face trickier tasks against Volendam and Utrecht.

There should be no change, either, at the top in Spain, where Real Madrid visit an out-of-sorts Sevilla tomorrow before Barcelona, trailing two points behind them, take on Sporting Gijón 24 hours

CYCLING

Rain washes out stage

Gandia, Spain: A driving rainstorm yesterday wiped out the third stage of the Tour of Valencia. Anxious organisers halted the 110mile leg after just over 11 miles and said continuning under such conditions put

riders and spectators alike in jeopardy. The leg will not be rerun.

The Belgian rider, Johan Musseuw, riding for the Lotto team, won the the first two stages and is the overall

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Spaniards' protest is rejected

The international jury in San Diego has rejected a protest by the Spanish yacht, España 92, against Ville de Paris, of France, alleging obstruction by a French chase boat retrieving a sail discarded by Ville de Paris in the America's Cup challenger eliminations. Meanwhile, the Olympic

hopes of leading American and French Soling sailors received a setback when the International Yacht Racing Union declared their Britishbuilt Solings illegal and withdrew the building licence from the Burnham-on-Crouch yard of Petticrow's.

Terry Tandy

Ragby union: Terry Tandy, the secretary of Gloucester rugby club, died from a heart attack yesterday at the age of 57. He was involved with club administration for 25 years.

Australia on top Cricket: In reply to England's total of 146, an unbroken partnership of 112 between Denise Annetts and Lyn

Larsen helped Australia to 229 for three on the second day of the first women's fiveday Test march, in Sydney,

Archer on target

Badminton: Peter Knowles and Simon Archer made winning international debuts and helped England to a 5-0 victory over Norway in the Thomas Cup world team championship preliminary rounds in s'Heriogenbosch, The Netherlands, yesterday.

Timely sponsor

Fencing: Salle Boston, the national women's team foil champions, represent Britain in the Coupe d'Europe in Turin on Sunday bolstered by a £10,000 sponsorship from

Record award Baseball: Ruben Sierra, the

Texas Rangers outfielder, won the largest salary arbitration award in history, \$5 million for one season.

Ron Emes

CCPR: Ron Emes, MBE, the chairman of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, has died from cancer at the age of 65.

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Belgium 3, France 2; Iceland 5, Mexico 0,
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Mexico 0, Group C: United States 5,
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Wolvertarrepton: Old Walfurmants beat Old Edwardsens, 2-1 (M Moore and G Baker bt A Tyler and J Mole, 3-1, J Peurson and R Harms tost to R-Marson and A Hughes, 2-3; A Carrer and A Stephen-son bt R Lambert and P Scholey, 3-2)

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

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BOWLS: World men's indeor singles and pairs championships (Guid Hall, Presion)

TENNIS: LTA men's indoor satellite

SNOOKER: Pour Assurance British Open (Derby): SQUASH RACKETS: Leekes Welch Classic (Cardill)

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7-9. OKLAHOMA CITY: Women's tour-nament: Second round; M Bollegral (Neth) bt E de Lone (US), 3-6, 7-8, 6-1; Brossman (US) bt Pwillinger (US), 7-6 7-6; D Graham (US) bt P-L Herper (US), 6-4 6-2

7-6: D Graham (US) bt P-L Harper (US), 6-4, 6-2.
COVENTRY: LTA men's indoor satelite tournament: First round: C Falk (Swe) by C Beacher (GB), 6-3, 7-2 M Ardingh (fi) bt M Barnard (SA), 6-4, 7-6: B Joelson (US) bt D Gerosid (Swe), 6-3, 7-8: C Wilkinson (GB) bt D Ison (GB), 6-3, 6-2: J Bates (GB) bt D Ison (GB), 6-3, 6-2: J Bates (GB) bt D Ison (GB), 6-3, 6-2: J Bates (GB) bt D Ison (GB), 6-4, 6-7, 6-4, J Van (I) bt I, Matthews (GB), 7-5, 7-5, B Garrow (US) bt B Curry (SA), 6-4, 6-7, 6-4, J Van (US) bt B Curry (SA), 6-4, 6-7, 6-4, J Van (US) bt B Wilkinson (US), 6-1, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4, W Arthurs (Aus) bt M Visconti (II), 6-1, 7-6; T Koscusiaki (US) bt S Hette (F7), 6-4, 6-3; C Balley (GB) bt K (II)yert (SA), 6-4, 6-3; C Cole (GB), 4-6, 6-3, C B Brand (II) bt N Brosse (GB), 4-6, 6-3, C B Brand (II) bt N Brosse (GB), 4-6, 6-3, 7-5, J Donar (Swe) bt M Mactagam (GB), 6-3, 6-2; Beachy (II) bit van Duyn (Neth), 7-6, 6-1; Falk bit Archoght, 6-3, 6-4; Bosse bt Cole, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; Joelson bt Sacstord, 6-3, 3-6; Balley bt B Brand, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4; Wilterson b Donar, 6-4, 3-8, 6-2; TUTTGART: Man's burnessment: First

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STUTTGART: Men's burnsment: First round: G Forget (Fr) bit J Hayerk (Switz), 7-6, 6-2; P Korda (Cz) bit A Thome (Ger), 7-6, 7-5, 4 Juryo (Swe) bit P McEntoe (US), 5-2, 80, A Antonitach (Austria) bit G Prpic (Crostia), 7-6, 8-2; K Provecek (Cz) bit J McEntoe (US), 3-6, 7-5, 6-2; B Becker (Ger) bit J Svensson (Swe), 4-6, 7-5, 6-2; G Ivanicack (Crostia) bit O Deferite, 6-3, 7-6, CESEMA, Italy: Women's tournament: First round: M Pierce (Fr) bit S Wassarman (GB), 6-2, 6-1; Y Manakova (CS) bit M Kocinta (Ger), 6-3, 6-4, N

Herreman (Fr) bt N Baudone (ff), 6-3, 6-3; C Terriver (Fr) bt S Ceochiru (ff), 2-6, 7-5, 6-4; P Paradis (Fr) br M Zhee-Shulp (Ger), 6-4, 6-1; Y Brukhrovetz (CIS) bt N Housest (Fr), 6-1, 6-7, A Fussai (Fr) bt S Nico-Cralleau (Fr), 8-4, 6-2.

YACHTING SAN DIEGO: Louis Vuitton Cup: America's Cup challenger eliminstions: Second round robin: Third day: New Zealand bit il Moro di Venezia, Imm 16sec; Spint bi Tre Kronor, 2-52: Vate de Paris bi Espena 92, 3:07. Mippon bit Challenge Austraka, 3:33. Progressa points: 1, New Zealand (R Daws), 22; 2, Nepon (C Dickson, Japan), 18:3, is viore di Venezia (P Cayard, II), 17; 4, Vate de Pera (M Pajot, Fr), 13:5, Spirit of Australia (P Gilmour), 11:6, Espena 92 (P Campos, Sp), 10:7, Tre Kronor (G Krantz, Swe), 1:8, Challenge Australia (P Thompson), 0.

RUGBY LEAGUE STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSKIP-First division: Wakefield 12, Widnes 4. SHEFFIELD: Students Cup: Final: Loughborough University 8, Carditt In-mittate 3.

SQUASH RACKETS

CARDIFF: Leekas Weish Charakt: Men:
First round: T Nancarrow (Aus) bt P
Larmer (Aus), 15-5, 15-7, 15-7; C Robertaon (Aus) bt A Adarraga (Sp), 15-12, 1510, 15-18 R Eyles (Aus) bt R Owen (Eng),
15-13, 15-12, 15-3, Jansher Khan (Pak) bt
C Rowtand (Aus), 15-5, 15-8, 15-7; B
Martin (Aus) bt P Peticaren (Fin), 13-15,
15-10, 15-11, 15-11; A Danues (Wales) bt S
Butt (Can), 15-8, 15-9, 15-12; D
Herra (Eng) bt S Meacas (Eng), 14-15, 1512, 15-10, 15-7, 15-6, 15-14; R
Martin (Aus) bt H Weisn (Gen), 15-7, 15-9,
17-16 Second round: R Martin (Aus) bt P
Whitscek (Eng), 15-8, 15-9, 15-17, 15-6,
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13-15, 16-12, 15-1, 15-2; R Lambourne
(Fin), 15-8, 15-11, 15-2; R Lambourne
(Aus) bt F Geaves (Eng), 15-13, 15-11, 1315, 15-12; M Martin (Aus) bt S Schoame
(Ger), 15-7, 13-15, 16-10, 15-9.

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McConnell's appointment for England's match finds little favour on eve of cricket World Cup

Spotlight is switched to umpire

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN PERTH

CRICKET'S World Cup, a showcase for the new, cleancut image the game is striving to project, will come under immediate scrutiny on the first day because of an umpiring appointment which could kindly be called unfortunate.

England's floodlit match with India here tomorrow is to be umpired by Peter Mo-Australian who, in a little over a year, has managed to pro-voke extreme reactions from players and officials of both

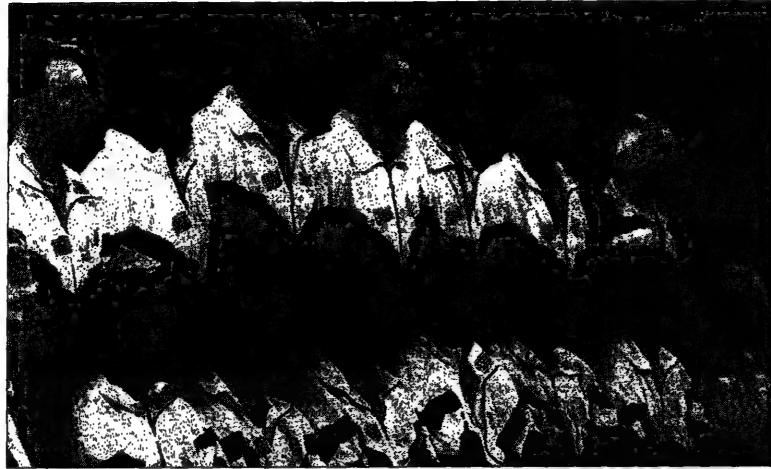
McConnell officiated in the fourth Test between Australia and India in Adelaide last month. Of ten leg-before dismissals in the match only two were given against Australia, and the Indian management later made as public and as plain a protest about umpir-ing as is possible to imagine.

On England's Ashes tour here a year ago, McConnell was involved in a protracted and unedifying scene with Philip Tuinell during the Melbourne Test. If Tuinell's demenour towards the umpire was unacceptabiy suriy, McConnell's towards the player was thought by many to be needlessly arrogant.

McConnell, aged 47, is highly regarded in Australia, where he has umpired 21 Tests, but it is probably true to say that neither England nor India, and certainly not the man himself, would have chosen such an appointment to launch a World Cup in

bly fall not only player con-duct but on umpiring control. The preparation for this competition has been nothing if not thorough and part of Wednesday's team assem-bly proceedings in Sydney was given over to a briefing involving umpires, captains and managers, at which the application of the interna-tional code of conduct was

discussed in detail.



Getting in the picture: the England squad poses for an official photograph yesterday in Perth, where they play India tomorrow

ent at all games but only in the semi-finals and final will they be independent appointments of the International Cricket Council. In the preliminary games, referees will be locals and are to be backed up by a code of conduct comoner to deal with any

umpiring reports.

The panel of 11 umpires, one from each visiting country and two from each of the hosts, includes England's popular David Shepherd, who has the honour of standing in the opening match in Auckland tomorrow between New Zealand and Australia. Some of the others, howev-

er, have little or no experience at international level. By definition the Zimbabwean, lan Robinson, and the South African, Karl Liebenberg, have umpired no Test matches and the Sri Lankan, Julius Buultjens, has stood in only three.

Dean Jones, the Australian that such inexperience could be a drawback. "The whole tournament will be a challenge for the umpires." he said. "Most of them will be umpiring under pressure in Australia for the first time and they will have to adjust to different conditions pretty

Jones believes that, aside from the obvious problems of conduct, umpires should make regular inspections for lilegal bass. "There is no doubt that some players are still using bats that are too wide," he said. "It's quite possible that some had no idea their bats are illegal but the best way to deal with it is for the umpires to look at the bat before each game, in private in the dressing-rooms.

"It can be done on the quiet, like the way football referees check the studs on players' boots. That way there need not be any controversial incidents which might spoil a

incidents which might spoil a great event."

Sydney: The West Indians beat New South Wales by 77

beat New South Wales by 77 runs here yesterday in a World Cup warm-up match.

New Zealand looking to make life difficult

in the fifth World Cup will be 10.30 GMT tonight - when New Zealand meet Australia here. With home advantage, nothing very much expected of them and a good record against Australia at Eden Park, New Zealand are looking to make it a difficult first game for their opponents.

Transferring from Austra-lia's mostly quicker and New Zealand on something a good deal slower is not going to be easy for anyone, and with no reserve day set aside for when it rains, until the semi-finals, the weather could well be a factor. There is a bad forecast for Auckland today, when the Austra-lians have arranged a last practice match against what is left of the local Shell Trophy side. The New Zealand selectors took the best half

side, has been reappointed for two years, which will take

him through until June 1994. Rodney Marsh and Steve Rixon, two former Test wicketkeepers, have been mentioned as possible rivals for his job; one very much better known than the other.

Simpson is reluctant to rest before Australia are universally accepted as being the best Test side, and before that can happen they will have to beat West Indies. who come to Australia for a full Test series later this year. Simpson also has a score to settle with South Africa, who badly beat his own side in South Africa in 1966-7.

In the early 1980s, soon after Greg Chappell had in-structed his younger brother, Trevor, to bowl the infamous sneak at Melbourne, to make sure New Zealand did not score the six runs they needed to win a one-day interna-tional, the Australians came to Eden Park and 39.000 people gave them the sort of reception they had asked for. cricket, though not for rugby

Some say it is because of the recession, others that it would be different if New Zealand had not just been heavily beaten by England, but the tickets for tomorrow have not been selling particu-

larly well.

Although it is feared in Australia that the day-night crowds could be a nuisance, the only apparent threat to the World Cup in New Zealand comes from a Maori language group, Tino Rangatiratanga, comprising Maori teachers, students and parents who seek gains Maori language

They talk of disrupting games if Television New Zealand (IVNZ) cuts the Maori news programme to accom-modate live coverage of the World Cup. The South Africans, meanwhile, who are more accustomed to being charged, as TVNZ has been, with "intransigence" and "racist arrogance" go peace-

Semi-final tumble ruins O'Reilly's hopes of a medal

FROM DAVID MILLER IN ALBERTVILLE

IN ONE of the most cutthroat sports of the Winter Olympic Games, Wilf O'Reilly of Britain, the world champion of 1991 at 1,000m, crashed out of last night's semi-final on the first bend of the sixth lap. It was a frenzied race, with O'Reilly desperately trying to main-tain his position, and the winner, Joon-Ho Lee of Korea, the world champion of 1990, set a new world record in one minute 31.27 seconds.

It was a desperate disappointment for O'Reilly, one of the favourites, who has devoted thousands of hours of training in preparation for this day. He had qualified for the semi-final by winning his quarter-final in the third fastest time of four races biding his time in third place until four laps from the finish when a sudden burst carried him to the front.

Yet it had been evident in the third quarter final that Mike McMillen of New Zealand was going to be a figure to handle. In a three-man battle with Ki-Hoon Kim of Holiand, McMillen had come second to Kim who recorded the fastest quarter-final time of 1.32.67, with McMillen in two hundredth of a second behind.

For the semi-final O'Rellly was drawn with Lee, Michel Daignault of Canada, who had been fastest in the climination races and was second in the quarter-final in which Matthew Jasper was eliminated. And McMillen.

the lead for three laps. Then Daignault moved ahead. with. McMillen trying to come in behind him and Lee biding his time at the back O'Reilly, trying to hold off McMillen, who came wide on the outside of the bend and was cutting back towards the inside of the short back O'Reilly's arm. There was brief contact, and suddenly O'Reilly's right skate had lost its grip. In a dizzy spill he careered sideways into the safety padding, and out of the

In a furious finale, Daignault was overhauled, with Lee getting ahead of McMillen to win by 0.33 seconds in a new world time was 1:31.80 set in the world championships in 1990 by Tsutomu Kawasaki of Japan.

In the second semi-final, Kai-Hoon Kim of Korea and FRed Blackburn of Canada qualified for the final.

This was a dismal night for Britain who had been looking to O'Reilly to provide the first major excitement of the Games, following the slide last weekend in the bobsleigh of Mike Tout from first place to sixth on the second day. Now Britain's hopes for a medal rest with Tout's and his men in the four-man bob

today and tomorrow.

O'Reilly claimed afterwards that his arm had been pulled by McMillen, a view which was shared by Archie Marshall, the British team O'Reilly was fast off the mark for the referee to re-view the

Skiers bemoan a lack of the Olympic spirit

FROM DAVID POWELL IN MERUBEL

THE women's Alpine skiing at the Winter Olympics ended here yesterday with the three criticising the Albertville concept of a multi-venue Games.
"You would not have known we were at the Olympics here." Petra Kronberger, who won her second gold medal, said. The Olympic spirit

For the first time, the Olympics are spread over several venues — 13 in all — and; shortly before the Games opened, Juan Antonio Samaranch, the International Olympic Committee president, said that Games hosted by more than one country

only really evolved at the med-

might be considered in future. But Kronberger said:
"In Calgary I lived in the Olympic village and I came across Katarina Witt.

"Seeing her conveyed the atmosphere of so many athletes congregating and giving their best."

Blanca Fernandez-Ochoa. who took the bronze, had waited four Olympics for her first medal, but said that she would not treasure the occasion. "Unfortunately, the memories will not be good," she said. "It was better in Lake Placid, Sarajevo and Calgary. I did not experience any atmosphere.

Kronberger's gold, page 34.



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Managers given heavy FA fines

THE managers of three first division clubs — Steve Coppell, of Crystal Palace, Neil Warnock, of Notts County, and Joe Kinnear, of Wimbledon — were heavily fined by the Football Association yesterday for abusing referees during matches.

Coppell was fined £1,500 and warned about his future conduct after his outburst against the Hertfordshire of-ficial, Roger Wiseman, in the League match with Man-chester City on January II. Kinnear was fined the same amount for "foul and insulting" comments to Michael Bullivant in the Wimbledon v Luton Town reserve fixture on January 15 and also warned about his future conduct. Warnock was fined £1,000, with a warning to his behaviour in future, for a verbal attack on the Sheffield referee, Keith Hackett, after the Notts County v Leicester City match in the Zenith Data Systems Cup game on

The punishments follow Wednesday's disciplinary ac-

tions against Michael Thomas, the Liverpool midfield player, and Les Sealey, the Aston Villa goalkeeper, for bringing the game into disre-

A third player was given an FA punishment yesterday: Gordon Watson, of Sheffield Wednesday, was fined £350 after being found guilty of misconduct in the match against Leeds United on January 12. Watson did not ask for a personal hearing, but Wednesday submitted evidence from a supporter that a gesture by the player was aimed at a colleague, not the

Falkirk were yesterday fined £5,000 by the Scottish League over the non-registration of the defender, Crawford Baptie. The League's management committee was told that Baptie was granted a new contract last summer but was not registered at either the League or the Scot-

England reflect, page 35 Barrett's decision, page 35

League given go-ahead

NEARLY 12 months after it was first proposed, the Preagreed two weeks ago with the Football League, over the mier League was given the outstanding issues of promo-Football Association's approval yesterday. It will start the transition from 22 clubs next season on August 15. The protracted nature of

the negotiations was reflected in a low-key announcement by Graham Kelly, the FA's chief executive, who, more than anyone, has been the architect and supporter of the new league. "The FA council has given the go-ahead," Kelly said. He admitted, though, that it was personally "very satisfying".
"It will mean a stronger

game, a better chance for the England team, with the two extra free Sarurdays for internationals next season, and an even better chance when we get down to 20 clubs," he added.

There are still some minor areas to be sorted out with the Football League, and more serious ones with the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA), whose chief executive, Gordon Taylor, has insisted that it will need the players' support to succeed.

The council's decision to accept the compromises,

to 20, and over ground criteria to be applied to promoted clubs, means the key obstades have been removed. "It is marvellous news that the council has endorsed us and I'm looking forward to continuing to work with the FA to put things in place," Rick Parry, the Premier League chief executive, said.

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"There are issues still to be resolved with the PFA, but I

Taylor backing needed

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Kelly's subdued air may be explained by the changes the concept has undergone since it was first proposed last April. It will begin with 22 clubs, with three up and three down, and will reduce to 20 clubs in 1995, the council having accepted the compromise of four clubs being relegated and two promoted at the end of the 1994-5 season.

That is a far cry from the immediate reduction to 18 clubs proposed in the FA blueprint. The council yesterday reiterated its desire for an

18-club league.
It is doubtful, though, if the average supporter will notice much change. The resulting redistribution of wealth from the poor to the already rich could yet prove disastrous for several of the clubs left be-

hind, however.
Gorden McKeag, the president of the Football League, put a brave face on their prospects yesterday. "We are determined that the Football League will remain a high-profile league and a powerful force in English domestic

Debts deal a blow to bumps

THE traditional Cambridge University Lent bumps row-ing competiton, which starts on Wednesday, has been plunged into confusion by a clampdown on unlicenced boats using the river.

The privately-run Cam Conservancy, which took over the policing of part of the river last April, has announced that boats which have not been registered will be barred. As many as 12 colleges, some of which have not paid registration fees for years and are up to £2,500 in arrears, could be affected.

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The colleges facing the em-barrassment of being asked to leave the water are Jesus, St John's, Pembroke, Peterhouse, Robinson, Trinity, St Edmund's, Trinity Hall, Caius, Christ's, Clare

and Darwin. Alan Wordsworth, the organiser of the bumps, said: After the amount of work i

have put into them it will be a shame if they're disrupted."



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This man will not buckle under

i-final tumb David Coleridge, chairman of Lloyd's of London, is in the eye of the storm. Yet ns O'Reilly, es of a med despite the angry MPs, the press relishing the rich in trouble, and threats of government-imposed regulation, he remains calmly and modestly unbowed

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He drives a Ford Escort: he would never in a million years want a Rolls-Royce. He adores his wife Susan, whom he refers to as a girl, and he looks forward only to a cosy retirement at his comfortable house in Sussex, where his chief interests are collecting 18th-century watercolours and keeping his garden tidy, or rather "talking to my gardener". He never wished to find himself in the headlines every day, in the eye of a storm. But when winds blow and ships toss and roofs crash down, Lloyd's members have to pay. Some more than others. And there is the cause of all the current embarrassment.

David Coleridge is a capacious man who sits in a capacious office at the pinnacle of Richard Rogers's great glass monument to capitalism in the City of London. When he took his unpaid and hitherto low-profile post he never expected this degree of personal exposure. But now Tory MPs are baying for blood, and it is the chairman's blood they are after.

There has even been a motion tabled in the House (by a Labour MP. but inspired by furitioning whether this decent, civil, troubled man is a fit person to run

Lioyd's.
He calls it "all this fuss", "all this banging on", "all this shouting and ily he is the type of man Julius Caesar preferred to have about him: sleek-headed, and

such as sleep o' nights". Mr Coleridge confesses he snores through each night, and never takes work home. It is his second year in the job, and he knew when he took it these would be bad years. He has spent his entire adult life at Lloyd's. He joined them straight from Eton at the age of 18, after being turned down by the Green Jackets (flat feet) and missing out on Oxford (he sat the wrong papers.) He turned his company, Sturge, into a vastly successful one. He has known fat years, and flak years the scandals of 1981 — the selfregulation that followed, and now the reckoning after an unprecedented run of disasters. Lloyd's always thrived on an anticipated disaster per year; but the years 1987-90 began to look like the

wrath of the gods.

Between October 1987 and January 1990, there were at least 15 major (ie costing \$1 billion) catastrophes in the world: the Piper Alpha, Exxon Valdez, hurricanes Bersy and Hugo, earthquakes in California, typhoons and other meteorological

At such times, people lose money. "It doesn't matter whether we are regulated by parliament, by the DTI or the Almighty. Only the Almighty could determine which catastrophes would occur, when and how many. In fact, He would be the best person to regulate us."

Lloyd's, the traditional heart of the London insurance market, attracts attention because of the human factor: its Names. If the world insurance market suffers losses, nobody notices much; but Lloyd's is a collection of individuals, and its outside names are often famous - actresses, sportsmen, MPs - and noisy.

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of England aid "So ours is human news," as Mr Coleridge says. "Melvyn Bragg, who is a member, came to see me about our PR last year. He was very concerned about our poor press. But everyone thinks we could improve our PR. People are always saying to me, I could get you the Saatchis, I could get you Sir Tim Bell. I've even been told I should have somebody sitting in my office the whole time." Nothing could be further from Mr Coleridge's idea of a pleas-

In his family, and in his wife's the view of the second state of the second s ("she is a Joicey" - of the Northumbrian family whose fortunes were founded upon coal), a newspaper is a place where one announces births, marriages and deaths and in which one never otherwise appears, least of all on front pages with words like scandal and malpractice and "structural rottenness". Neither does

one wish to appear on breakfast quiet, prosperous life, television as "a whipping boy". His needs are modest. "One is held responsible for all the problems of a market which is 280 syndicates, and at least 150 own board, makes its own deci-

sions, appoints its own underwriters, sets its own risks, pays people. sacks people." He is in the chair, but has no control over them. What can he do? He can pass on the recommen

dations of David Rowland's Task Force, including a members' charter that would give them rights akin to shareholders'. Put together a self-regulatory operation ensuring investor protection. Increase the central fund (the last resort when a syndicate fails) from £500 million to £1 billion. Make members' agents charge less. All these he has done. He set up Dr Mary Archer's hardship committee for distressed Names, which helps to pick up the broken pieces. But still Mr Coleridge finds himself a political football.

Last week's confrontation with MPs shocked even Tam Dalyell by its "gratuitous rudeness and bad behaviour". The

MPs' spokesman was Paul Marland, Tory member for Gloucestershire West, in Mr Coleridge's view aggressive and belligerent. 'He handed out, on rather tatty bits of paper, a list of 13 answered. They are perfectly fair quesin a stinking bad mood, and if one

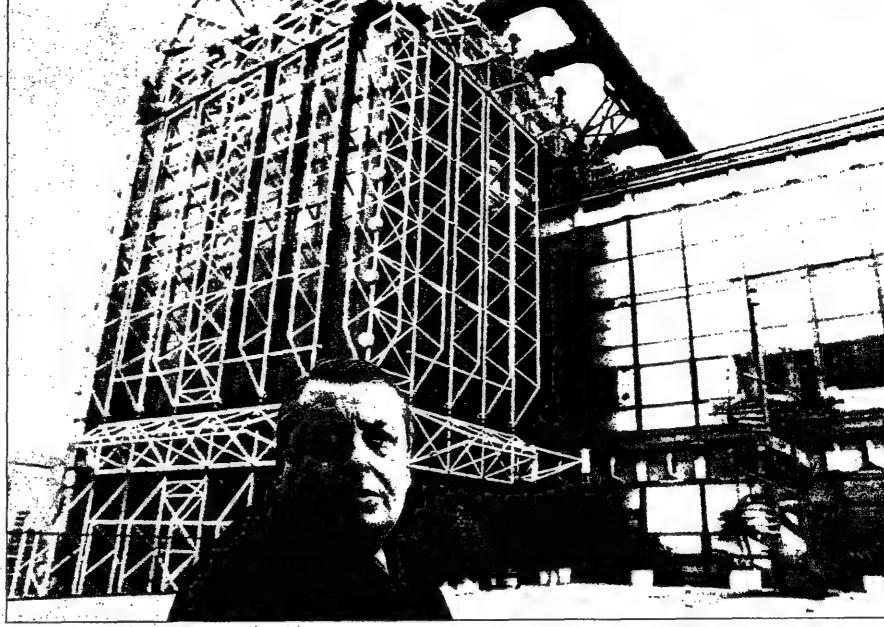
blamed the loss of

one's money on an ing it of every sort of heinous crime." The chairman will give his answers in writing next week, "which I have no doubt will not satisfy him".

Mariand has lost money. His hobbies, in Who's Who, are expensive skiing, shooting, riding, fishing. He was involved in the LMX section of the market. "The members' agency he switched to was Gooda Walker, which specialises in reinsurance. I don't know why he joined them," Mr Coleridge adds, furrowing his brow. "He happened to join them just as they picked up a lot of losses, in '88 and 89. He has substantial losses, and I am very sorry for him."

This furrowing of the brow, when explaining some unpleasant but unavoidable fact, is a family characteristic. It is replicated in his eldest son Nicholas, who is at 34 at the peak of the glossy magazine world, as managing director (and still editorial director) of the Condé Nast magazine empire in London. Coleridge senior professes a genial vagueness about his illustrious son. "At school he edited the Eton Chronicle with Craig Brown - always in banned. Then he started a magazine at Cambridge, as children do, called Rampage. And just after he came down he was asked by -Tessa Evans, is it? Tina Brown to join The Tatler - I remember he was in the bath when her call

Now he is writing a huge book about the major newspaper proprietors of the world. He got to Robert Maxwell just in time." There are two more sons: the youngest is still out of Market can call on £18 billion



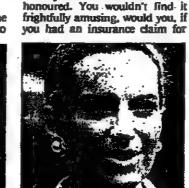
In the shadow of Lloyd's: David Coleridge in front of Richard Rogers's landmark in the City. "I wouldn't dream of resigning. I think it's the wettest thing you could ever do" see so much angst resulting from

Oxford: the middle son Timmy. who works at Sturge, nurses a somewhat hopeless Tory parliementary seat in Northern Ireland, Lagan Valley. "Though in my view." says Coleridge père, "anyone who wants to go into full-time politics needs his brains tested." The parliamentary wallahs are

the sharpest thorn in Mr Coleridge's flesh just now. He must hope that the MPs' allegations in the House of dastardly dealing whereby insiders (Names working within Lloyd's) managed to pro tect themselves while outsider names have floundered, will not be terminally damaging. He does not wish the next government, of whatever hue, to impose an outside regulatory body on Lloyd's. In any case, as he says, nothing can stop the effects of past losses. Unfair it may be that some syndicates lost, and that 25 per cent of members have had to bear the biggest losses, often 100 per cent of their premiums, while the other 75 per cent have lost much less. He can do nothing to help: "I have no great treasure trove of

money to give them." Here in the world outside, some have barely stilled their mirth, to

Wednesday's Times after a story in the Financial Times



the pursuit of riches. Genuine

hardluck stories attract sympathy

as well as Schadenfreude, but

many Names (including MPs)

enjoyed too many years on the gravy train to be objects of pity

could lose everything down to your

cufflinks" - set out as clearly as a

government health warning on a

with their banks guaranteeing sums partly collateralised on the

value of their houses, may now

find themselves in front of Dr

Archer's hardship panel, but

Lloyd's sternly expects them to

behave properly". They must stop

underwriting forthwith, and sell all properties except the one they

live in. "Nobody wants anyone to

end up in the doss house. But you

might have to reach some compro-

mise with Dr Archer about your

house." Which means? "You and

your spouse may remain in it while

alive, but eventually it would come

"Lloyd's commitments must be

Those who rashly joined Lloyd's

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Lloyd's Names: Dr Mary Archer (left) and Princess Michael





Melvyn Bragg, TV presenter



Henry Cooper, former boxer

£10,000 on your house or jewellery or factory, and were told you could only have £9,000 because the other £1,000 could not be found? Lloyd's policies must be paid. The moment a Lloyd's policy wasn't paid, it would be the end."

Mr Coleridge is not going to buckle under. The Independent ran a story this week saying that he was ready to resign. "The Inde-pendent seems for some reason to have a particular vendetta against Lloyd's." Mr Coleridge furrows his brow again. Ian Hay Davison is the former Lloyd's chief executive who has turned negative about the The Independent.

Their reporter rang to say, one or two people are calling for your resignation, will you resign? I said the only reason I would resign is if the council of Lloyd's, which asked me to be chairman, made it obvious they wanted me to go and asked me to do the decent thing: then I would consider it very carefully. So he writes, 'Chairman considering resignation'. Absolute rubbish. I wouldn't dream of resigning. I think it's the wettest thing you could ever do. There is nothing I've done that I would change. I have nothing to hide."

He is described by his eldest son as "the unflashiest and least arrogant person I know, and the least impressed by status and grandeur". "I've never ever been short of anything, but haven't wanted much," says the father, apologising for not being more

"I'm a very happy, contented man. I probably have the happiest life that anyone's ever had. I've been married to the same girl for 36 years, and I don't profess to have ever had a hard time. I've probably been over-kind to my children but I'm very fond of them. I don't demand anything else out of life. It's been a bit miserable lately," he adds, "but I just have to ride with it." He will be 60 in June, and can

retire on his well-fed pension fund. In the meantime his income probably totals around £500,000 a year, and he is driven around in the office Mercedes. His simple retirement plan is to do little except "look after my wife, and travel with her, and let her do whatever she wishes".

Jak, the carroonist of the Evening Standard, produced a cartoon the other night after H.M. Bateman: "The man who wanted to become a member of Lloyd's", a foolish fellow in a howler hat, with collapse of stout parties all round. In fact. Mr Coleridge says cheerfully, now is a very good time to join, if you have £250,000: but don't imagine you can include the value of your suburban semi. World insurance premiums have soared, and since members have left in droves there is room for new names.

We'll have a good year in '92. '93 and probably '94. Last year 150 joined, and existing members can always increase their participation, as I did myself, pour encourager les autres. In the risk business, if you don't make money

one might as well take advant-On the way out we looked into the famous Room where insurance is bought and sold, source of profit and pain. It was empty and silent, its screens blank: nothing keeps a Lloyd's man from his lunch. There in the centre was the great Lutine bell that used to be rung when a Lutine bell rang for Mr Coleridge,

when he addressed members at

now you never ever will, so

his first AGM, "The AGM always used to last half an hour." he said tragically. "But I had to announce a loss of £500 million and there were a lot of unhappy people, so I was standing there" - on his flat

feet - "for four hours." INSIDE European arts. Health. Homes/Media.

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CITY OF LONDON SINFONIA: The CLS's twentieth armiversary celebrations occupy an entire weekend with open refrestrations workshops with school studes. Performances by the group include the London premiers of Simon rdge's Dauble Concerto for aboa Benbridge's Double Concerts for obset clannet, and world premeres of and clannet, and world premeres of Elia Politicenen's Vielm Concerto. Berry Guy's After the Rear, and Peter Wiegold's Sefforus Cancertente. Oueen Elizabeth Hall, South Benit, London SE 1 (07: 928 8800). Immorraw from 10am (concert at 7 45pm). Sun from 10am (concert at 7 45pm). Sun from 10am (concerts at 12.30pm and 7 45pm).

ROYAL SCOTTISH OACHESTRA: An enterposing programme from PSO under Mattheas Barnert the RSO under Matthas Barrier free weekend This one consists of Schoenberg's Verklärte Nacht, Beethoven's Symphony No 5 and Britten's Diversions, Op 21, for plane (left hand only) and orchestra, composed in America in 1940 Planist Paul Crossley is solvest. Usher Hall, Lothen Road, Edinburgh (2012) 2013 (1951) (19 (031-228 1155), torright, 7 30pm. Royt Concert Hall, Buchanan Street, Glangow (041-227 5511), tomorrow, 7 30pm.

[] 'ALLO, 'ALLO; Gorden Keye and his leam of funny frogs and krauts up to thee lamiliar antica Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 9562) Mon-Thurs, Spm, Frl, Sat, 5 30pm and 8 30pm.

Technic I Hwaterg Devicements from Derek Jecobs and Robert Lindsay in Anousth's play on the relationship between Thomas & Becket and Henry II. Theatre Royal, Haymarkel, SW1 (071-930 8800), Man-Sa1, 7 30pm, mate Wed, Sat. 3pm 165mine

□ LA BETE: Brewer performance by Alan Currring in a strange Moleire perody eccentric but clever. Lyric Hensmersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sal, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sal, 4pm, 145mins.

☐ THE COTTON CLUB: An impression of the Hartern nightapoting on energy, low on story freshness Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-838 6404) Mon-Fn, 7-30pm, Sel, 8pm, meb Wed, 2-30pm, Sel, 4pm, 190mins,

DANCING AT LUGHNASA: SAM Friel's Givier Award-winning memory play, set in Thirties Donegal. Garrick, Chering Cross Riad, WC2 (071-494-5085). Men-Sat, 8pm, mate Thurs. 3pm, Set, 4pm, 150mins.

LINEKER: Sometimes droll local Duchess, Cetherine Street, WC2 (071-494 5075). Mon-Thurs, Spm, Fri, Sat, Spm and 8,45pm 130mine

FROM A JACK TO A KING: Witty and stylish version of Mecbeth's olimb and stylish version of Mecbeth's o to the lop, set in the world of rock bands and packed with Sattles songs. Boulevard, Walter's Court, oil Peter Street, Wt (071-437 2851 siter 2pm). Mon-Sut, 8.15pm, Fri late show, 10.15pm, mat Set, Spm. 80mins

II SOOD ROCKEN TONITE Sensiying musical catebrating Fifties and Sobes pop classics. Great stuff Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-240 0300). Mon-Thurs, Spm, Fri, Sat, 5 30pm and 8.30pm, 215mms

NEW RELEASES

AFRAID OF THE DARK (18): Mark repide's clever but disagreeable psychological thniler about lear and blindness. With Ben Keyworth, Jema Fox, Farny Ardent. Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Cannon Haymarket (071-639 1527) ♦ FATHER OF THE BRIDE (PG). Daughter's impending wooding dri Steve Martin crizy. Disappointing remake of the 1980 classic, for auchences who went to be spoon-fed With Diene Koalon; director, Charles

Styer Berbiese (071-838 8891) Ceruvena: Cristices (071-852 50%) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Oderna: Kensington (0428 914885) Merble Arch (0428 914501) West End (0426 915574) Screen on the Green (071-225 3620) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

THE PRINCE OF TIDES (15), New THIS PRINCE OF TIDES (13), New York psychianst helps floridal coach face family secrets. Formanic drama with ideas above its station, grandly acted by Nich Note Barbra Streisend directs and co-stars, but fails to sing Ode

PLAISE THE RED LANTERW (PG) PAINS, THE RECLANT EN IT OF Zhang Yimou's sustern, quietly desizing drems of a computine's struggles in Twentors Clines Chelses Chemia (071-351 3742/3743) Metro (071-437 0757) Renoir (071-837 surphy

CURRENT BARTON FINK (15). The Coers about a New York playwright all at sea in 1940s Hollywood. Starting John Curtumo, John Goodmen A Inple Carnes przewiner Gate (071-727 4043) Lumére (071-836 0691) Screen on the HIR (071-436

BETTY BLUE (18). Three-hour version of Jean-Jacques Bernes's Lake of med love, released with cuts in 1986. The plot triskes more series, but the style of grandiose chic sha intrates. With grandiose chic sha armates trum Beatnce Dalle Leen Hughes Anglade Electric (071 792 2020)

WEEKEND EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and inment compiled by Karl Knight

PELLEAS ET MELISANDE This new by Peter Stein for Ween National Opera brongs one of ite most revealing interpreters, Pierra Boulez, to the Cardiff pst. He conducts a cast including Alson Heighey, Nell Archer and Donald Maxwell Operang night. New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff (P222 304841, breint), 7 15cm. (0222 394844), tonight, 7.15pm.

BILLY BUIDT: Entren's all-male opera opens at Scottish Opera, produced by Graham Vick, and revived by Paul Maloney. The cast includes Nigel Robson (Vers), Simon Keanlyside (Billy) and Gidon Saks (Ctaggart). Richard Armstrong conducts. Theatre Royal, Hope Street, Glasgow (041-332 9000), tomerrow, 7.15pm.

BRIGHTON JAZZ BOP: American unial, Johnny Hammond, the ome of Jazz funk, plays in this intry for the Graf time as part of Engition's thrice-yearly music lestival. Also on the bill are acid jazzers, Brand New Heavies, introducing their new singer N'Dea Davenport, plus men-ofthe moment London guitarist, Ronny Jordan, and the Latin outfil, Snowboy Descarge Jezz The Event, West Street, Brighton -(0273 732527), Lonight, Born.

ANDY HAMILTON: After years of playing one-night stands, the tenor saxoptionist, who turns 74 next month, saxoptionist, who turns 74 next month, the tenor saxoptionist, who turns 74 next month, the tenor saxoption one-gray with a quintal featuring plantal Jeson Rebello and the Ghannan

THEATHE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London House full, returns only Some seats available Seats at all prices

THE MADNESS OF GEORGE III: Niggi Hawthorne is very fine as a striction long, but as a whole, Alen Bennett's play does not quite work. Nettonal (Lytialton), South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252), Tonight, . 7 30pm, med tom 2.15am, 170mine.

M MAKING IT BETTER: James Saundera' subtle play concerned with ideals, reality and absoration in Prague and London: Jame Asher in an exemplary cast of four. Hampeised, Swiss Cottage Centre, NV3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sel, Spro, mel: Sel, 4cm. 120mins.

C) THE MARTER AND MARGARETA ET THE MARTER AND MARGANITY:
Remericable compression of Bujestor's
novel stout the devir's visit to
Moscow. Some complexity lost but the
slamming contedy comes over well.
Bettermer Arts Centre, Old Town Hall,
Lavender Hill, SWH1 (271-223 2223).
Tues-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sun, 8pm. Finel
week!

Gleeful version of the old thriller; tunes by Offenbuch, Verd) and Weber but not Lloyd Webber. not Lloyd Webber. Shaftgabury, Shaftgabury Avenue, WC2 (171-379 5399) Mon-Fri. 7-30pm, Sat, 8-30pm, mats Thurs, Sprn, Sat,

D SOPHISTICATED LAIRER To anger-denours which through the music of Duke Elington. Obvious routines cannot deguise the true rueful Duke. Globe, Shahesbury Avenus, W1 (071-494 5055), Mon-4rt, 8 pm, 3 at, 8 30pm. mats Wed. Spm, 3et, 5pm, 130mins. A SWELL PARTY: Four singers, two planets in Skeable tribute to Cole

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on ralesse across the country.

BLACK ROBE (15): Seventeenth century Jesus (Lothshe Burleau) tries to convert Indexes in northern Quebec, Intelligent opic from Brian Moore's many Christop, Brian Bersond, Carmon Fulture Road (071-370 2836) MOM Trousdero (071-34 0001) Page (071-487 9996).

DEATH IN BRUNSWICK (15): Sem Hedi as an ageng mother's boy sucked mic love, votence and ecodental murder. Testy black comedy from new Australian director John Rusna. Cannons: Chelses (071-352 5096) Tottenium Court Road (071-636 6148) Matro (071-437 0757).

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PELICATESSEN (15): French video infactice Jeunet and Caro's wonderfully busine bettery about a houseful of terants from above a carreteliate butcher With Dominique Paron, Marie-Laure Dougnec.

Cannons: Chelsee (071-352 5098)

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Matro (071-437 0757) Schenn on Beiter Street (071-555 2772)

THE FAVOUR, THE WATCH AND THE VERTY BIG FISH (15): Friding absunding about a French shotographer of devolutional scenes (Bob Hosters) struggling to find his Christ Witt Jeff Goldblum, Natzarba Phchardon, director, Ben Lewin Octeon Haymarket (0425

 FOR THE BOYS (15) Song-and-dance team entertain troops in three wars, only to be runed by a synthetic script With Barte Motter, James Caers, mcript with Berle Midder, James Case director, Mark Rydell Odeonis: Kensington (0426 914658) West End (0426 915574) Writtelays (071-762 3332)

FRANCE AND JOHNNY (15)
Short-order cook (Al Pacino) courts a vary wastress (Michelle Pfeitfer).
Synthetic adaptation of Terrence

Hemilton actieved national recognition but year with the release of his long-overcup and highly acclaimed debut talum. Silvershine. The Orange, 3 North End Criscows, North End Road, London W14 (071-371 4317), lonight, tomorrow, 8.30pm. CUMBRE FLAMENCA: The woupe of

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flemence dencers continues the residency at Sadler's Wells, following his self-out sesson there in the summer of 1950. The Andalusian dencers, immicens and singers each perform with an individual style, though they all possess the passionals and dramatic possess the passentum was creamany atyle of flamence.
Sader's Wells, Rosebery Avenue,
Landon ECT (071-278 8916), tonight,

tomarrow, 7 30pm, mut ton 2.30pm. ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET: As

ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET: As part of a triple bill, the company presents a new work by Robert North. Entitled A Stranger I Came, the place as set to Schubert songs and is designed by Andrew Storar (see review, right). Following its premiere in Cambridge, the piece is taken on ENB's small-scale agring tour together with Christopher Bruce's Swarsong and Balanchine's Annile.

Via Trestre, Cembridge (1282) 352000), tunigiri, tomorraw, âpm, mili tomorrow, 2.30pm.

LITTLE VILLAGE: John Hell, Ry Cooder, Nick Lowe and Jim Keitner 800000), tonight, 7.80pm, Playhouse. Edinburgh (021-557 2590), Sup. 7.45pm

Porter's wit and wry melocites, Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (971-836 9867). Mon-Fri, Spm, Sat, 8.30pm, mela Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5.30pm, 140mine, TALKING HEADS: PHYSIC cleaciste lives. Cornedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867) (045), Mon-Set, Sprn, mets Wed, 3pm, 3et, 4pm, 150mins.

ED A TRIBLITE TO THE BLUES EI ATHBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS: Lively parade of tuneful oldies. Good fun. Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mor? Turn, 8, 15pm, Fri, 3et, 8,15pm and Spm. 120mins.

WIND IN THE WILLOWS: Reason of Isal year's hit version by Alan Bennett: witty and wonderful. National (Olivier), South Benk. SEI (071-929 2525) Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, met tomorow, Spm. 205mir

LONG AUMNERS: # AND

Maratralia, Carnon Fulkern Road (071-370 2886) Simples (071-497 8886) MGM Trocadero (071-494 0031) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

 JFK (15): Oliver Stone's contentious, electrifying, three-hou essassination. Kevin Costner as crusteling D.A. Jim Gernson; a bostling cruseding C.A. Jan Germent; a screening supporting ceet.
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Ladies in waiting for a clue? MARILYN KINGWILL

THEATRE " 4 Marys

Riverside Studios

SOMEWHERE in the middle of this curious piece, a woman reached forward into space with a cry of "Taxi!", causing the book on her head to fall off. A ripple of amusement ran round the auditorium. Then the rest of the cast started calling for cabs, but the books on their heads stayed put. There was another appreciative titler out front. Not for the first or last time in the evening, yours truly felt like a dog reviewing Cats or a plane trying to enjoy Starlight Express. Nobody's fault, probably: but my key and Second Stride's lock were simply

failing to fit.

The company has had trouble in the past getting funds from an Arts Council bureaucracy which prefers to categorise work either as dance or drama. 4 Marys is, I suppose, nearer the latter, if only because the cast talk a good deal and do not move their legs and arms in particularly exacting or exciting ways. But I wonder it anybody without the money to buy a programme or the sense to read the bumf in the foyer would guess that the subject is Mary Stuart and the four women, all also called Mary, whom she took as a child to France. The clues are not-exactly blatant or abundant.

True, the piece begins with four actresses in Elizabethan garb parading onstage; but they are pulling golfcarts, meet a woman in a contemporary shift; and themselves soon put on chic rose-coloured dresses or dungarees. They chatter about how tall they are and what certain obscuresounding words mean, and then make edited phone calls home. "You've won the lottery, you've dyed your hair, you're pregnant? That's great!" Only occasionally — when a girl laments the death of famous men



Puzzle people: a scene from Second Stride company's 4 Marys at the Riverside Studios, Hammersmith

("first Hieronymus, now Leonardo!"), or another chooses a date in 1548 as her PIN number - is it evident that

the present is also the past. Halfway through; and the scene ifts to what the bagpipes and the rojections of stags make clear is Scotland, a much glummer place than France. The De Chirico-like vistas of the set become crabbed little cells, in which assorted Marys scrub, vacuum-clean, put on yellow gloves to plaster the walls, nag their children

Recycling material from the recent

Mo Roots album, he was assisted by give of his old soul-mates, the

trombonist Fred Wesley and the tenor

Churning away behind them was

the juggernaut rhythm section, which section the guitarist Rodney Jones and the Hammond organ of Larry

Goldings, who also had the respon-

Parker was not afraid of sending

Halfway through the concert, he

"announced his own version of the

Tempiations' walk, which amounted

to some untidy shuffling from side to

side by the three horn players. His

solos, however, were unremittingly precise, notably on one inspired section when the rest of the band fell

silent while he engaged in a duel with

content took the form of a rousing

account of Lionel Hampton's swing-

gie". After a shambling but genial vamp on "Let's Get It On". Parker

indulged himself further with "Danny Boy", with Jones gently filling in the chords.

Every few bars Parker added a

manic interpolation from another old standard. "Billy Boy". It was all wildly

The promised two per cent jazz

sibility of pumping in the bass lines.

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player Alfred "Pee Wee" Ellis.

and do other Scottish things. There are appalled phonecalls ("Is that Westminster? Is Elizabeth there?") about dangers and disasters offstage. Finally, there is what the slant of her black-swathed head suggests is the

death of Mary Stuart herself. The deviser-directors, Martin Duncan and Ian Spink, have said in interviews that their intention is to present history in rather the same form as snatches of half-heard conversations on the bus or in the restaurant. We have to "supply the logic, construct the sense that feels most satisfactory". But why? As it is, there are too many times when the invention seems arbitrary, the dialogue facetious, the evening too long. Incidentally, the Marys on display are Marty Cruickshank, Lucy Burge, Linda Dobell, Darlene Johnson and Catherine Malone: five, not four, but after twoplus hours. I for one wasn't counting.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Fun with the funk

Maceo Parker Jazz Café

ARRIVING on stage: Maceo Parker promised that his concert would be two per cent jazz, 98 per cent "funky stuff. That, of course, was precisely what his young fans had come to hear. As the band plunged into the first of its seamless funk work-outs. the Jazz Cafe - which is usually a watering hole for Camden Town's bohemians and advertising executives, with the odd greying bebopper clutching a half-pint of designer bitter - was inexorably transformed into a

hall. All the years of touring with James Brown's backing band have taught Parker a lesson or two about how to crank up an audience. Naturally, there were times when you wished that Brown himself could have made a surprise appearance, but Parker's ebullient alto saxophone kept the show flowing.

He made a decent job, too, of the chants and the ritual grunts and gasps, though there were no pir-ouettes to be seen this evening.

ROBERT NORTH's new work for

English National Ballet is set to his

own selection of seven Schubert songs

and takes its title, A Stranger I Came, from Wilhelm Müller's words used in one of them. The theme is heavily "poetic", involving a lonely man, his black-clad shadow and an attractive

but clusive young woman; plus two

couples whose presence seems needed

only for contrast and to help in-troduce the leading woman.

Andrew Storer's design sets the

action in an ambiguously symbolic area. There is a wall at the back

painted in bands of sky colours, a big

door with darkness beyond, and at

one side a highly stylised tree whose antier-shaped branches are used for

exits and entrances.

over the top. Then again, Parker and his friends have no pretensions to be other than a party band. Mission accomplished.

CLIVE DAVIS

Larks in the park

THEATRE Hans Christian

Anderstories

Unicorn GERDA'S adventures in The Snow Queen can be made into a full-length play, but the majority of Hans Andersen's tales are much shorter, and tampering with the length upsets

their charm. Richard Williams, artistic director of the Unicorn, finds a solution to the problem of staging these short tales by framing them within a modern

adventure set in a public park. A bickering family arrive and settle down for a picnic, and while Dad watches the cricket on his portable telly and Mum rings Aunty Ongar on her portable phone, son Braintree sees a nearby group of statues move their arms. Soon the family has been persuaded to act out a story and a uniformed tin soldier takes up his position.

Five established authors were commissioned to adapt a tale apiece, and it is tempting to look for their familiar adult concerns in the method and style they choose here.

Adrian Mitchell's steadfast Tin

Soldier is straightforward and faithful to the original. Claire Luckham makes her Little Mermald save a rock star from drowning and joins his group as a dumb dancer. This playlet ails to persuade the young audience that the mermaid's love at first sight is worth all the business of walking on knives; the mermaid herself has no personality.

The Fabulous Galoshes offers excellent opportunities for quick changes as characters after identity or go back in time when they don the magic footwear. Ken Campbell's school of clowns playing tricks on teacher is banal and should have no

Fay Weldon's Ugly Duckling (of course) is the best of the five, charged with wise Weldon sayings about what it is to live in the world, and finely

staged by Williams. The Emperor's New Clothes is quite neatly fleshed out with extra dialogue by Charles Causley but the words of his songs are hard to hear, and His Majesty is as well covered in his long ohns as in the imperial robes. Ermine boxer shorts would have been

The children packing the audience sighed happily whenever the stage changed colour but characters sitting still and talking in shrill voices tried their patience. Quite right too: action, quirky costumes and comprehensible noise are the tricks that give them a good time.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Travelling too light

DANCE **English National Ballet** Arts, Cambridge

The episodes for the man alone with his shadow (or darker other self). inevitably invoke comparison with Bejart's Song of a Wayfarer, and one or two passages of movement (for instance when the shadow imitates an ape) bring to mind MacMillan's choreographic setting of sung words, Song of the Earth. North cannot match the cogency or inventiveness of Bejart or MacMillan, but his dances are smooth and fluent enough, aithough perhaps with rather too much reliance on a few repeated steps.

Jose Manuel Carreno is moodily handsome as the central figure and does his many double assemblées dashingly. Kevin Richmond provides dramatic intensity as his shadow. The music had a decidedly subfusc performance from James Meek, baritone, and Daryl Griffith, pianist.

The work is being given on a small scale tour, together with Christopher Bruce's Swansong and a new produc-

tion of Balanchine's Apollo which restores the short prologue of the hero's birth. Stravinsky's music some of his finest string writing does not gain from a transcription for solo piano: better to use a recording.

Although the cast is small, the movement ought to be more expansive than the small Cambridge stage allows. Carreno and Josephine Jewkes in the leads acquit themselves decently enough in these circumstances, but the other two muses could do with more sharply-defined body and arm movements than Laurie Miller and Elizabeth Otter

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LONDON GALLERIES

Richard Cork on the incidental pleasures and discoveries resulting from the rehang of the collection at the Tate Gallery

nder the Tate Gallery's mercurial director, Nick Serota, the Milibank collection never gives anyone a chance to become jaded. Regular transformations of hanging and selection keep even the most seasoned visitors on their toes. Fresh aspects of the Tate's holdings are revealed, judicious loans pro-vide stimulating new company for familiar paintings, and the accepted pantheon of reputations is jolted by the reappraisal of long-forgotten

N FRIDAY TERRUARY

The latest round, launched this week under the deceptively quiet title New Displays 1992, provides an abundance of surprises. In the rotunda beyond the main entrance, where no works are normalpresented, Brancusi's gleaming Maiastra now presides atop a tall white plinth.

The repositioning catches you off-balance, stimulating a new response. And the eye-cleansing becomes progressively more in-tense once the lofty Duveen Galleries have been entered.

Eric Gill's Crucifixion of 1910, now restored to a pristine state, introduces a spectacular space exploring "primitivism" in early 20th-century sculpture. Gill's carving, which helped to make his reputation in a controversial oneman show, relies on a sophisticated understanding of Gauguin and medicyal art alike.

All the way through this section, sculptors likewise enjoy a close, physical engagement with their chosen materials. Frank Dobson hews his Man Child Into block-like forms, emphasising the strength of the rugged infant struggling to escape from his mother's embrace.

And Epstein's Jacob and the Angel, a mountainous masterpiece borrowed for the occasion, retains a strong sense of the original alabaster block. Closing in a half-spiritual and half-sexual union, the two combatants' limbs are highly polished. But Epstein has left plenty of areas around them roughly chiselled, as a reminder of his own parallel struggle to release these ligures from the stone.

Henry Moore, too often seen in isolation as the lone hero of modern British sculpture, benefittion. A trio of bronze crosses, among the most satisfying of his later works, dominates the Duveen Octagon. Organic forms swell in their effort to burst out of these primordial columns, but Moore's muscularity gives way to stillness in the space beyond. A serenely incised marble carving by Kim Lim evokes the rhythms of the sea, while William Turnbull's bronze Queen

manages to give a large vertical leaf-form a feminine presence.

Both these satisfying works are new acquisitions, and so is Alison Wilding's free-standing copper sculpture called *Locust*. Elegant yet sinister, it exemplifies the subtle ambiguity of a sculptor too often overshadowed by her more cele-

brated contemporaries.

The Tate's policy of strategic borrowing pays off in the middle of this invigorating section where Stephen Cox has lent a richly textured carving called Chrysalis.
As the title implies, a form appears to be emerging from the imperial porphyry block. But it is held in suspense, and an even greater ambiguity can be found in Anish Kapoor's new acquisition beyond. An outstandingly beautiful work,

A Wing at the Heart of Things bears out the wisdom of awarding

'Surprises are not confined to the Moderns. The selection of Hogarths has been boosted by the loan of his greatest fulllength portrait'

Kapoor the Turner Prize last year. Two expanses of slate lie on the floor, their substance veiled by layers of blue pigment. The colours have a disembodying effect, robbing the slate of its weight and tactle presence. In the paler of the two pieces, cracks running through the material are transformed into curmin like folds.

A far more theatrical spectacle is performed in Room 30, where Rebecca Horn's multi-media Ballet of the Woodpeckers has been installed in a room of its own. Nobody can go further than the entrance, for the walls are lined glass. They offer dizzying vistas of infinity to anyone peering from the sides, while at intervals a series of hammers beside the glass sheets jerk into action and terminate with

a knocking sound.
The whole experience is at once quirky and ominous, but far less disturbing than the epic sculpture by Joseph Berrys called The End of the Twentieth Century laid out next

door. Bars of basalt are scattered across the wooden floor, like the survivors of a calamitous explosion. Each one contains clay and felt inside an eye-like cavity, implying the possibility of future regenera-tion. But it remains a bleak work. powerfully conveying Beuys's awareness of his imminent death as well as the precariousness of the world he inhabited.

A major work by Beuys has long been high on the Tate's list of desiderata. The government's miserly annual purchase grant would not, however, have permitted its acquisition without the help of an American benefactor:

Artists can, on occasion, be equally generous. An entire room has been devoted to Francis Bacon's recent gift of a late triptych. Appropriately enough, the painting is a restatement of an early triptych already owned by the Tate: the excoriating Three Studies for Figures at the Base of a Crucifixion, which made Bacon's reput-ation at the end of the war.

Although more than 40 years separate the two works, the essence of his vision has not altered. The howling figures are surrounded by far larger spaces in the later triptych, which replaces the earlier painting's orange ground with a deep red. But the isolation and anguish remain constant, driving home the consistency of Bacon's

ifts can also help a collection represent foreign artists who are virtually unknown in Britain. Among the De Chiricos and Picassos in a roomful of European Masters 1920-50, an unidentifiable note is sounded by a painting of a woman yawning. The artist turns out to be Fausto Pirandello, and this donation by his son deserves to stir our curiosity about Pirandello's other work Twisting on her bed, the woman's body echoes the pose of Laurens's bronze Autumn nearby. Both works were executed in 1948, but the undulating sensuality of the sculpture only accentuates the disquiet of Pirandello's picture. Surprises are by no means con-

Over in the Historic British rooms,

the selection of Hogarths has been boosted by the loan of his greatest full-length portrait. The redoubt-able Captain Coram, a seafarer the building. who went on to establish London's first Foundling Hospital, Inspired Hogarth to produce one of his most robust and sympathetic likenesses. Although the painting has gran-deur, the bluff old sea-dog ensures commanding by the advent of



Hogarth's greatest? Captain Coram, courtesy of the Thomas Coram Foundation for Children

that it is not pretentious. He grasps ie, and the glove gripped in his other hand suggests that Coram is about to leap from his chair and busy himself with further plans for

Elsewhere, the representation of hanced by the loan of the National Gallery's irresistible The Morning Walk. As for the Tate's Constables, they have been made even more

Baron Thyssen's recently acquired the Royal Charter's seal for the painting The Lock. The youth hospital with understandable straining at the lock gate is surely straining at the lock gate is surely the most dynamic of all Constable's figures, and the landscape beyond shows the artist at his most accomplished.

The Germans look potent enough nearby, gaining from a recently acquired Corinth which adds strength to Grosz's macabre Suicide, Beckmann's frozen Carnival and Kirchner's jaundiced gaggle of Expressionist bathers savouring the water at Moritzburg.

They, in their turn, provide an excellent context for a challenging space on the other side of the building, where the vertigo-inducing Baselltz and the death-haunted Kokoschka provide unorthodox but coherent company for De Kooning's late abstractions. The Rotterdam-born De Kooning has

he does in this questioning and at times revelatory display. New Displays 1992, at the Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1 (071-821 1313) until February 1993.

never looked more European than

CRITIC'S CHOICE

 AMERICAN SCREEN PRINTS Though the poster features a Lichtenstein cartoon and the catalogue cover a Warnol Marilyn, this show of prints from the Reba and Dave Williams Collection iat the only British venue in its European touri hardiv concerns the Sixties at all. Those iured in by the promise of Pop delights will find instead an extraordinary assemblage of prints from the Thirties and Fornes, reflecting such local realist styles as precisism and Regionalism, and evoking the New Deal era with great intensity.

Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge (0223-332000). Tues-Fri 2-5pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.15-5pm, to March 1.

• THE BROTHERS ROB-INSON: Not only William Heath, but also his older brothers Thomas Heath and Charles were notable book illustrators. Though Heath Robinson (i.e. William) en-tered the dictionary as a synonym for gimeruck, fantasticated machinery, and made most of his later fame and fortune from nursuing these more eccentric interests. he was also an exquisite draughtsman and a charmme author for children Charles was of a more frilly fantasy, and Thomas the most robust.

Chris Beetles, S & 10 Ryder Street, London SWI :071-839 7551). Mon-Sat. 10am-5.30pm. to March 20.

JENNIFER DURRANT: The Barbican Centre is celebrating its tenth anniversary this year. First of the shows commemorating the occasion is that devoted to Shine and about 40 other paintings by Jennifer Durrant. Characteristically, they are abstracts with mystical overtones, working in sequences where particular colours and shapes are progressively transformed to produce new harmonies and hinted significances. Concourse Gallery, Barbican Centre, London EC2 (071-638 4141). Mon-Sat, 10am-7.30pm, Sun, midday-7.30pm, to March 24.

 SOCIETY OF WOMEN ARTISTS ANNUAL OPEN: Product of an early stage of feminism, the Society was founded in 1855 to encourage the world to take women artists seriously as professionals. This is perhaps not such an urgent priority now. Westminster Gallery, Central

Hall Westminster, London SWI (071-222 8010). Mon-Sat, 10am-7pm, to March 3. JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

> TOMORROW IN **WEEKEND TIMES**

Readers' offers: Private views of Mantegna and Alexander Calder at the Royal Academy

TELEVISION REVIEW

Paul Griffiths reviews a production of Wagner's Parsifal that seems more at home in Houston than in its native Hamburg

Courts appeal

Television trials traditionally make compulsive viewing, but what about the real thing? cently brought the live drama of trials such as the William Kennedy Smith rape case direct into our sitting rooms from the other side of the Atlantic. Nearer to home, though, viewers are kept at one remove from such scenes: in this country, cameras are banned from the

That ban and whether it should be lifted is the subject of a new ten-part Channel 4 series, Court TV: America on Trial. It aims to give viewers a taste of what is now broadcast from the American courts and to inform the debate here on whether we should follow suit.

The series, presented by Professor Michael Zander from the London School of Economics, kicked off last Saturday with lengthy ex-cerpts from two trials: the first the case of a former marine charged with manslaughter after he shot a neighbour in an argument over a car-parking space. The second was from the "insanity" trial of serial killer Jef-frey Dahmer, held to decide, after he had pleaded guilty, the defendant's state of mind at the time of the alleged crimes.

At the end, experts argued over whether such a technological invasion into the courtroom was in the interests of justice: whether it was informative and enlightening, or mass voyeurism which turned lives "into liv-

ing soap opera". For the general viewer I suspect the programme will be of limited interest. Those brought up on a legal diet of LA Law (welcome back in a new series) or Rumpole will find out what court reporters have known for years: just how tedious and slow-moving the progress can be. Hours may pass for perhaps

In the Channel 4 pro-

drawn from Court Television. the American cable station devoted to court broadcasting. Despite careful selections to maintain a trial's momentum, it is likely to be only devoted court-watchers lelevision equivalents of people who queue in all weathers for the public gallery at the Old Bailey — who sit through its 90 minutes

(starting at 11.15pm).

But that isn't all bad. If anything, it underlines the case that televising court trials is not about posing lawyers (dramatic speeches there were, but in softly spoken, understated tones); although in America, at least, it is about anguished witnesses

That need not be so here proponents of cameras in the courts favour strict guide-lines on what could be shown, and argue that many criminal trials (even some in the programme) would not be suitable. The main weakness may be that the range of possible trials - appeals, tribunals, constitutional issues — is not fully explored. with too great an emphasis on the criminal variety.

ho, though, would want to sit through the complex legal argument of a constitutional case? Most people prefer LA Law (TIV, last night), the fastmoving legal fantasy world, where the dizzying cocktail of glamour and sex could not be more removed from the dour, dry courtrooms of England and Wales.

In last night's episode (Here Comes the Judge) we had a judicial suicide, a burgeoning lesbian affair and a young lawyer with a mission (to expose police brutality). It may well be that, like Parliament, real trials on television have limited ap-peal. Humankind, after all, cannot bear too much reality. But at least we should be

FRANCES GIBB | floating halo beyond the pow-

Ten-year gestation turns out well after all

he American avant-garde theatre director Robert Wilson spent a decade planning his produc-tion of Parsifal. It was first staged in Hamburg last year. not happily, by all accounts. Now, Wilson's concept has finally been realised in his home state of Texas, where it is the highlight of David Gockley's twentieth season as general director of Houston Grand Opera. It has been a long wait, and it goes on being a long wait, not only because short intervals barely interrupt the opera's slow continuity, but also because the whole feel of the production is of waiting, of attendance, of attention.

As such it is a very Wilsonian evening, empty of narrative but alert in atmosphere. It is also a very Wagnerian evening, for the whole way the production looks and moves is in deep submarine echo to the music. Almost nothing happens.

From an opera not exactly spinning with incident, Wilson removes even the events one would have thought indispensable. There is no Grail ceremony. The chorus sing from the auditorium balconies, to marvellous effect. making the entire theatre, not just the stage, a temple.

Similarly the absence of a communion service - Amfortas's attendant youth simply reaches into a crystal rock for an undefined object — intensifies and amplifies the sense of the numinous by divesting it of imitation. Instead of copying Christia-nity's sacred act, the production strains to convey a mystery of its own, for as the music moves through time and space towards Montsalvat, so a giant disc of white light descends, a wonder in itself and a greater wonder in pointing, through the evident manufacturedness of Plexiglass, cables and fluorescent tubes, to some imaginable

ers even of Wilson's stagecraft and the combined technical expertise of Houston and Hamburg.

Another central action withdrawn is Kundry's kiss, and again the moment is powerfully charged. A kiss we cannot see must be happening on some cosmic plane. It is the unseen characters who touch here, not the singers who have to give them voice and some representation on

More generally, the man ner of that representation is also marked by withdrawal. The singers move like sleepwalkers, or like Noh actors (monochrome costumes and make-up), or like people with this music in their motor systems. Posture is steady and erect; arms are held stiff, or choreographed into twists and swoops, but never used to explain or accredit what is

This places the singers under a naked glare. Since movement here exists only for and of itself, one notices any flicker, and since the singers have no other means at their disposal, they have to convey everything in the music only with their voices. They come across with an intense presence. They are beings of another kind. Nor is there any stage architecture to give them a habitation.

ttention is focused not A only on the singers and the music, but also on the few magic acts that remain, such as the descent of the glowing torus. The whole drama is begun and ended by a little boy in a loincloth walking slowly across the stage: Parsifal's double or spirit. Halfway through the first act a huge stylised wing, as if made from paper, falls in slow motion through the rectangle it could be the swan passing over to meet Parsifal's arrow. but Gurnemanz is singing of



Parsifal (John Keyes), with Flowermaidens in Robert Wilson's production of Parsifal for Houston Grand Opera

the wing of the dove. Then the strength to ring. Harry spear, a slender shaft of light, Peeters is a wonderful floats without visible means of support into Parsifal's

Of course not everything

quite sustains the miracle. One could wish Wilson had made the flower maidens invisible as well as the Grail knights. Even here, though, the production is level and cool, not so much otherworldly as simply and very beautifully "other". It has splendid support from Christoph Eschenbach, conducting a performance of passion and fluid speed, though a decent forte is hard to attain in this company's large the-atre. The central performances, too, respond magnificently to the demands of

Wilson and Wagner's music. John Keyes, recently Siegmund for Scottish Opera, displays again a voice of baritonal fullness and sure length of phrase. At the end he shows commanding authority, grandly preferring vocal

Gurnemanz, looking as impassive as a statue, but his young man's voice flooding with richness and nuance. Richard Paul Fink sings a

happily direct and strong Klingsor. There is no need for him to croak his wizardry when he can prove it by

Veizovic is a strikingly powerful Kundry and fully takes on the spirit of the production.

Not at all so lucky was the season's new opera, coming from a company which in the last five years has introduced Nixon in China, New Year

delivering most of his part perched without safeguard

on his high tower. Dunja

and Meredith Monk's Atlas. Desert of Roses, Robert Moran's setting of a libretto by Michael John LaChiusa, was a very limp piece, by American folksong out of minimalism, telling us all you need is love. But nice performances, and odd to find John Dew directing a pretty straightforward production.



A jailhouse of ill repute



Brixton's F-wing is officially known as "the Health Care Annex"

here can be few places in any civilised society like Brixton's F-wing. In no other prison or institution in the country have 15 inmates committed suicide in the past three years. Most of them did

so on F-wing.
The grim Victorian block stands at the eastern end of the prison, rising above the perimeter wall to glimpse the normality of the same world beyond. Until recently the four landings of F-wing housed more than 200 mentally-disturbed prisoners, most on remand, in overcrowded and insanitary con-ditions, most of whom should never have been housed in prison but in psychiatric hospital wards.

Conditions are now better than they were even as recently as a year ago. Brixton has a new governor, Dr Andrew Coyle, who once trained as a Jesuit priest and has a postgraduate degree in criminology. He was appointed last summer in the wake of the Woolf Report and the acute political embarrass-ment caused by the escape of the IRA prisoners Pearse McAuley and Nessan Quinlivan.

Dr Coyle would be regarded as a liberal reformer but not one with a soft head: as a former governor of Peterhead. Scotland's "powder-keg" jail, he is made of sterner stuff. So far, there have been no suicides since he took over. No doubt he would touch wood, given the problems he faces in changing the legacy of decades of physical

and human neglect. To say that conditions have improved is an indictment of a dreadful past, not an approbation of the present. Only two of the four landings in F-wing are now occupied by prisoners with medical problems, many mentally disturbed. There are now just over a hundred in all. Most inmates of Fwing suffer from some form of schizophrenia. like the tragic Stelan Kiszko in another Institution, a psychosis often induced by

the trauma of prison. Two months ago, one inmate with schizophrenia went through the motions of attempted suicide after he'd asked for medication and not received any. "I had a sheet and I ripped shreds out of it. I pushed them through one part of the cell window and pulled them through with a matchstick. I got a couple of shreds through and just put them round my neck. The cell windows are supposed to be suicide-proof but they're not."

Looking at the windows in the cell he currently occupies, I could see what he meant. But even if the windows were secure, and most of those in F-wing have now been

modified, a prisoner determined to commit suicide could still succeed. Michael (not his real name) looked at the bed in the corner of his cell. "All you have to do is turn the bed upside down and you've got the perfect way to hang yourself. Easy. Not that there's

been any hangings lately."

The last suicide was in May last year when 24-year-old Paddy.
O'Grady made a noose from a sheet and took his life.

I stood in the cell talking to Michael, not quite understanding the mechanics of using the bed as a scaffold. A few days later, I discovered precisely what he had

'A couple of years ago I was in a system that was destructive and corrupting and foul and racist and degrading' DR PAUL BOWDEN

meant. We heard from prisoners in F-wing that there had been an attempted suicide on one of the top two landings that house "normal"

We asked to see the cell. The door was opened to reveal a metalbed standing on its end with a noose made out of sheets dangling from the top. In a corner were the charred remains of a blanker. Clearly the attempted suicide had gesture. The blanket had been lit so the smoke would attract the prison officers. It did. The man was taken down to the special cells on the ground floor of F-wing, kept under observation for the rest of the night and transferred to the prison hospital the following morning. He was then counselled by staff (they seem genuinely concerned and bitterly resent their

media image).

Dr Coyle said the inmate had been deeply upset by the prospect of a harrowing trial and that he needed to express "his frustration and fear". He had not been judged a suicide risk.

But the real scandal of F-wing concerns conditions in the "strip cells -- so called because they are stripped of conventional furniture where prisoners are taken when a doctor thinks they need special

Peter Taylor, who spent a month this year in Brixton jail making a television documentary, describes the F-wing notorious for

the suicides among

disturbed inmates

its mentally

protection because of the risk of suicide or the risk to staff from their uncontrollable behaviour. Dr Covie stressed that they are only used on medical direction and for the shortest possible time he insisted they were not used for punishment, although one prison officer, having turned the key, remarked that the prisoner would now learn not to "manipulate the

Here, words have gone mad. F-wing itself is now officially known as "the Health Care Annex" and the dozen "strip" cells on the ground floor are called "Special Medical Rooms". The ten containing cardboard furniture are known as "Semi Furnished Accommodation". Two, completely bare save for a blanket and mattress on the floor, are "Unfurnished Rooms". The authorities have stopped short of calling the

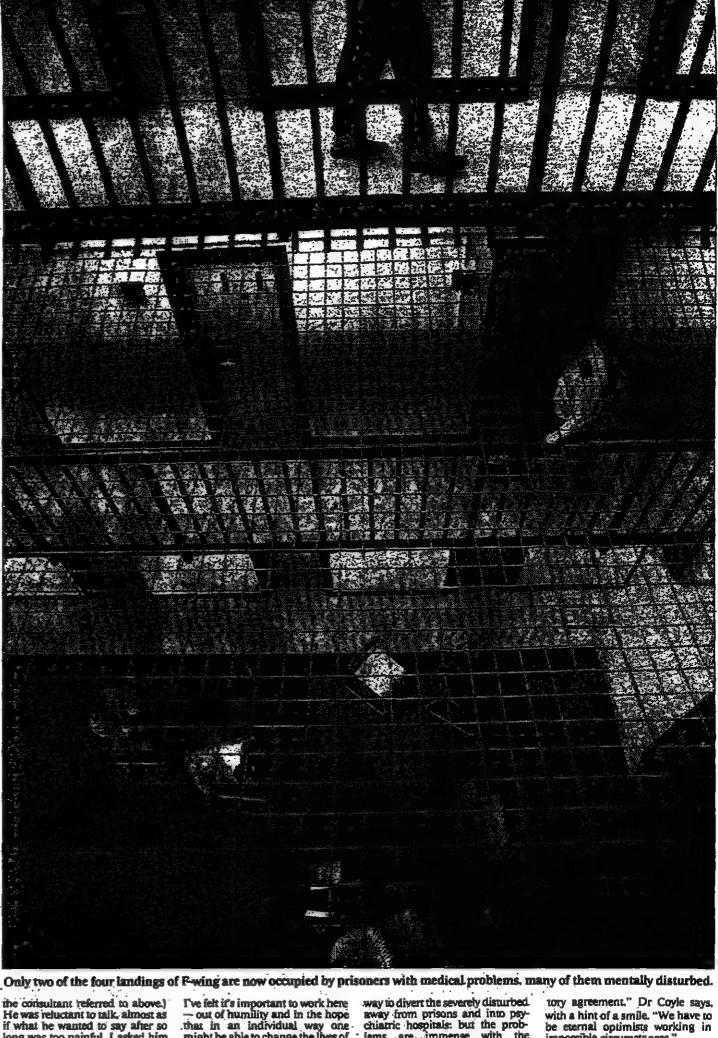
unit a "Des Res". But words cannot sanitize the sight or the smell. The stench of urine and faeces is overpowering. Officers describe the cells as "pig-sties". They are appalled at the conditions in which their charges have to live and in which they have

Many of the prisoners held in the "Special Medical Rooms" are black. Forty per cent of Brixton's inmates are black, compared with, 16 per cent of the national prison population and nearly 5 per cent of the population as a whole.

A few minutes inside a "Special Medical Room" is enough. The stomach churns as you try to stop breathing. Inmates acting as orderlies clean and disinfect the cells with the resignation of those who paint the Forth Bridge. One helpiess prisoner, clad in tearproof shorts and singlet, was moved from cell to cell as he smeared his faeces on the over his mattress and blanket. Some he even ate.

Clearly be was acutely disturbed, reduced to a pathetic bundle in a blanket in the corner of the cell. The prison doctor had no doubt he should be removed to a psychiatric hospital: the visiting consultant disagreed and said his physical condition could be contained and managed within the prison. Because there was a difference of medical opinion, the man could not be transferred to a psychiatric hospital under Section 48 of the Mental Health Act. It seemed madness had infected the

Dr Paul Bowden, a consultant psychiatrist from the Maudsley Hospital, stood in an "Unfurnished Room". He has visited Brixton for 12 years. (He was not



long was too painful. I asked him how he would describe F-wing. There was a long pause. "Awful,

he finally said. "A couple of years ago, a year ago, the situation was such that it was almost impossible to justify coming here because I felt inevitably that I was being exploited in a system that was destructive and corrupting and foul and racist and degrading and punitive. I felt that my presence here, in however small a way, allowed that system to

Why did he not pull out? "On many occasions, I very nearly did. might be able to change the lives of some of the prisoners that you came into contact with."

If ever change was long overdue, it is at Brixton. Dr Coyle wholeheartedly agrees: "The conditions in here for prisoners who are psychiatrically disturbed are intolcrable. We have to start with the premise they should not be in prison at all."

But he accepts that they are and, until the criminal justice system takes proper account of the prob-lem, he and his fellow governors will have to cope accordingly. Already court schemes are under-

iems are immense with pressure on beds so acute and institutional resistance consid-

But there is light in Brixton's dark tunnel. Soon the "Special Medical Rooms" will be closed down and a new modern psychiatric unit opened. Dr Coyle remains confident that he will get the staffing ratios he needs to run it: putting right the wrongs of 150. years does not come cheap.

"My colleagues in the Home Office are reasonable individuals and I'm sure we'll reach a satisfacimpossible circumstances."

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F-wing, too, will ultimately close to become only a shameful mem-ory of the past and an indictment of governments of all parties who erated the scandal for so long. Dr Bowden accepts that at last there is political recognition of what needs to be done. Change, he admits, is already on the way. "Too late, too late. Too many died before it happened."

 The author is the presenter of a twopan Public Eye report, Brixton — Life on the Inside, starting on BBC2 tonight at 8pm. Part two will be next Friday.

Taxing time for women

After several alleged rapes in taxis, Alice Thomson meets the fares who feel safe only with a female driver

The Ladycabs office in Archway, north London, is having a busy night. Cigarette ends pull out of ashtrays and all five telephones in the control room are constantly ringing with requests for pick-ups. Across town, a man has been charged with raping a stu-dent in a licensed black taxi. Ladycabs, a minicab service that employs only female drivers, has been inundated with requests from women from Southend to Crouch End.

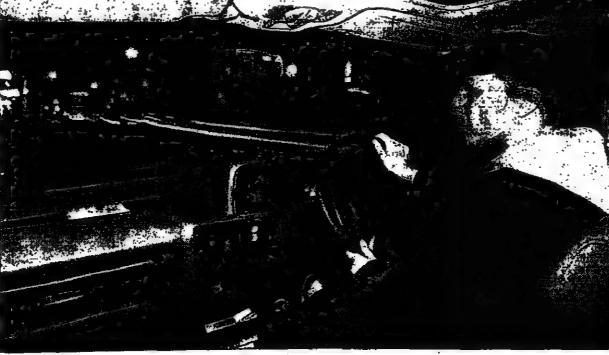
Val and Jane Taylor, a mother-and-daughter team. have the franchise for the Archivay office, one of five branches of Ladycabs in north London. They are sitting among the coffee mugs working day, sorting out the evening's rides.

Mrs Taylor, 43, her feet up on the sink, lights up her last eigarette and expounds on the theory of Ladycabs: "Cindy George set up Ladycabs ten years ago, because she wanted young, single women, pensioners and children to feel safer on the streets. We have always been popular. especially with children -

who account for 40 per cent of our customers - and with rape victims.

But now that is changing," she says. "Last year a survey carried out in London found that one in four passengers using licensed taxis and minicabs said they have been subjected to assault. We have had a spate of attacks on women in taxis and it is not just vulnerable women who are booking with us, they all are." Prospective customers include some men. Ladycabs will take them, but women have preference.

Mrs Taylor's daughter. Jane, 23, looks shattered but elated. "We have had four times more requests than we can cover today. People ring from everywhere, but we have to tell them that we only pick up from north London. We're getting legal secretaries, female medical staff, media people, as well as the old woman up the road." When the news comes through that the man charged with raping a student is a licensed cab driver, they are both stunned. "If we can't take a customer. we tell women to ring for a licensed black cab because they have always seemed safe



Wheelbase: Tracy Johnson in her minicab. 'I always lock all the doors and rarely get out of the car after dark'

and the drivers are thorough-

ly verted." Ms Taylor says. Ladycab drivers are also carefully selected. There are 20 drivers. They must have clean driving licences, a pristine car and must be prepared to act as psychiatrist. social worker, nanny, friend or meals-on-wheels at a moment's notice. If an elderly woman hasn't rung in for a long time, they will check that she is all right. Child custom-

ers are sent birthday cards. At 8pm, Stephanie Duke is sitting in the control room. She controls the evening shift service and alternates between barking orders at speed

down the radio and chatting to potential customers on the phone. "Customers are at ease with us. They don't feel they are being chatted up when the driver starts talking to them and they really open up. They tell you about everything from their washing machine to their sex life." She adds: "Female passengers are much easier - even when they're drunk they just giggle or cry and they always pay their bills." Ms Duke's pet bitch, George, sits beside her. A man comes in and George growls. "Its awful - she just hates men. I don't know why." her owner says.

She tells the man there are no cabs left tonight. Tracy Johnson, 27, comes in and heads for the microwave, in the common room. She has just returned from a threelooking forward to a break and a chat:

Ms Johnson always wears a baseball cap when driving, to hide her long blonde hair. Her mother was terrified when she said she was becoming a minicab driver. But Ms Johnson feels saie. "I always lock all the doors. I very rarely get out of the car after dark and I always check people out as they come down the stairs.

If I'm worried I wave my radio in the air to make them think I am an undercover policewoman," she says. "It is sad that we have to resort to women-only cabs but if there hour stim on the road and is is a need it should be provided. I like working with women. We really support each other. We don't talk cookery books, we talk one-

way systems."
Fifteen minutes later, and Ms Johnson is back at work. "Archway 2-3 can you ring them out please," she says as we arrive at a house near King's Cross station. A woman looks nervously out of the window. Ms Johnson

takes off her cap and the

"Normally I would hall a

taxi on the street but I am too frightened now. I hate the idea of being stuck in the back of a taxi with a man, unable to get out," says Deborah Rix, a medical student who has been visiting a friend. Ms Johnson chats amiably and hands around the cigarettes and Polos. She drops Ms Rix near Regent's Park, watching to make sure she is safely in her house. Our next stop is the Whittington hospital. Angela

Baker is waiting with her two small children. Mrs Baker prefers to take a Ladycab when she is with the children. She hasn't used other minicabs since the night a driver put his hand between her legs. Ms Johnson explains how to minimise the risks: "Anyone with a car can set up as a minicab driver. Always ask the company whether their cabs are insured and whether they check their drivers for criminal records and never hail a minicab off the street.

My next lift is with Parn Lewis, 55, who has been a minicab driver for 20 years. "I have been a cabby for so long I feel safe now." Mrs Lewis says. She gets out of the car to ask someone for an address. We are meant to be picking up a 15-year-old girl from a party but we can't find the right block of flats. Ms Duke radios us to say the mother is worried. Ten minutes later we have located the party and Honey is escorted out. Honey loves Ladycabs and hates men. She explains she was raped two years ago.
I only go to guiffiends houses now and I always go

home early. Mum pays for me to take a Ladycab everywhere. My friends think I am spoilt but I honestly couldn't trust anvone else."

At 12.30am the office is

closing. Occasionally the company will make arrangements for later pick-ups but the drivers don't like it. Many of them have to be up in time to give their families breakfast. Ms Duke is winding down. Her voice is becoming fainter as she tells the 60th person that night that there are no cars left. ver at Computer Cab in Westbourne Park.

Rita Maloney, the senior operator, is also winding up her shift. Computer Cab is the largest licensed radio-cab service in Britain, with 2,440 male and 46 female drivers. Twenty telephonists take requests for cabs. Between 8pm and midnight tonight they have had 2.600 bookings -261 of them from women. Ms Maloney says the number of women making bookings has risen in the last few days. because they are reluctant to hail cabs in the street.

Many of the female callers have been worried about rape. The telephonists advise them to ask to see the driver's licence and to make sure there are no dents in the cab (licensed taxis are checked three times a year for road worthiness). Geoff Kaley, the managing director of Computer Cabs, does not think providing more women drivers is the answer to female fears. "Female taxi services are needed occasionally. But we don't want to get to the stage where women have to go in female cabs and men go

Lessons in love-making

The settings are romantic, the expressions rapturous and the couplings adventurous. Liz Gill reports on the helpfulness or

otherwise of the adult sex-education video

about sex being dirty "only if it's done properly" is smile with Gregg, one of the protagonists of Making Love, for whom adult sex-education videos are a matter of high seriousness. He and his wife, Anne, shared

their most intimate moments with the camera without payment because, he says, they believed in what the film was trying to do. "It is designed to encourage people to talk and think about sex, to commu-nicate more freely with each other and to give partners the means to be better lovers for each other. It is about positive role models."

Such positive role models are cropping up all over the place at the moment. As well as Making Love, the selection includes The Lovers' Guide, The Essential Guide to Better Sex. Secrets of Making Love and Loving Better, volumes I (The Basics) to IV (Enhancement). All combine explicit footage - intercourse in a variety of positions, oral sex, masturbation, close-ups of genitalia — with worthy

commentaries from respected ex-The scenes Dr Elizabeth show beautiful Stanley, for in-stance, who in-- people troduces Making performing chair of the British Association for wonderfully Sexual and Marital Therapy. She well. The world film because she outside in the felt it put sex into the context of a whole relationship. form of work 'It stressed the imor children

never intrudes

communication outside the bed as well as in." Dr Stanley has

been using films both as teaching aids and in therapy for more than 20 years. She now hopes those who spend £12.99 to watch material hitherto only available to specialists will reap similar benefits. "It could be argued that couples should learn together naturaily and obviously nature would guide you if nature were unhindered by cultural taboos, myths and un-

"Even today you cannot underestimate the extent of ignorance. There are still many couples who have never talked openly about sex with each other and this applies to the young as well as older generations. When you are confronted with such explicit sex on screen and hear it being talked about in such a comfortable way it can have a very powerful effect in helping you talk.

"Film has an immediacy and an unavoidability which books lack. Consciously or unconsciously with a book you can miss out bits which are probably the bits you need to read." Dr Stanley hopes though that the video will be bought by those simply seeking basic information or guidance on improving their sex lives as

well as by those in difficulties. In commercial terms the films have been a runaway success. Making Love has sold over 30,000 copies in its first month. The Lovers' Guide, notched up a staggering 300,000. The question remains, however: are they genuinely conducive to better sexual health or are they simply pomography dressed up in an

educational guise? Dr Russell Reid, a consultant psychiatrist at Hillingdon hospital and an executive officer of the London Institute of Human Sexuality, says: "They are probably used by a lot of people as soft or even hard-core porn, but for those who need that son of aid there's no great

They may be quite good for people who have difficulties in a relationship and useful for therapists when patients are bashful or unfamiliar with the basics. It may also give couples with poor or boring sex lives new ideas of ways to enjoy

"I think people are certainly less promiscuous nowadays than they were a few years ago and it may be that the chance to learn different disappearing. Perhaps these days people have to

learn from videos." What can be learnt is certainly shown in detail and at length — The Essential Guide to Better Sex, which has sold more than 31 million copies America for instance, has a running time of 90 area of the male and female body or normal sexual activity at which the camera baulks.

At the same time, the producers have been at such pains to refute any

charges of pornography that the tone often veers between the homely, the didactic and the slushy. The doctors and the sexologists, for example, often sit in book-lined studies to deliver advice, which may consist of using lollipop metaphors to explain fellatio. Each theme is usually followed by a demonstration by one of several couples who sheepish before producing a ten-outof ten performance. There is one particular scene from The Essential Guide which is hard to watch with a straight face. It is the one in which a couple try out a "safe sex sampler kir' featuring not only condoms but rubber gloves, rubber vaginal shields and rubber lip guards. Many experts are less concerned

about the possibility that the videos might be bought for itillation than about other aspects, particularly their idealisation of sex. The commentary may address reality to some extent, but on screen the participants are invariably youthful, good-looking and slender; the settings romantic, the expressions rap-turous, the couplings adventurous. The world outside in the form of work, children or domestic routine

never intrudes. Christopher Clulow, the chairman of the Tavistock Institute of Marital



impact of the videos may detract from the verbal message. "It is extremely difficult to hang on to what is being said because these images are so graphic. You do get this very responsible commentary which is all about the relationship underpinning the sex, but what remains is the image and that way. However hard the script talks effect, 'I need an awful lot to turn me on because you do not'." about everyone being different and setting your own standards, the scenes themselves show beautiful

people performing wonderfully well.
"Couples may then think that's
the norm. People who are already
anxious might find it increases performance anxiety." Dr Heather Montford, a spokes woman for the Institute of Psycho-

sexual Medicine, says, The idealisation can be very off-putting. It does not really help people understand how they feel themselves. It shows how others behave, which may give them ideas or permission to try something or it may be pretty off-putting instead, and make them feel they could never be like that.

"It is all rather simplistic. If someone has got real difficulties I shouldn't think a video is enough to solve them. They may help in a

limited way and they may be quite erotic. That's not a problem in itself, though it might be if you are not particularly turned on by your partner, or if one partner is turned on and the other is not. The other possible danger is in a situation where the video is bought by one pertner to show the other how they think that person should behave, the attitude. Or it might be saying, in

She believes the films may be useful for those genuinely needing information, though she is always wary about profound ignorance believing that problems lie not in a lack of available information but in the reasons for not absorbing it.

he says: "Some immature people feel that unless they are told what to do they should not do it. What they are often asking for is a parental figure, someone in authority to say it is OK to go off and learn about these naughty things. In these cases a video could be a bit too frightening, you would need a lot of talking about it beforehand."

Despite such reservations, the market seems likely to grow, with more and more variations on the

theme. Simitar, who released The Essential Guide, is now planning Sex for the Over-50s and Playboy has just released The Intimate Workout. The most liberated aero-

So far they have all been rated 18 by the censor. Dr Reid, who was an adviser on a video called Seeds of Love ("basic sex education." he says) wanted it aimed at schools, but the producers plumped for the adult market. He still believes children of 15 and over could benefit from "a decent, matter-of-fact film".

bic exercise activity imaginable".

It is obviously too early to judge whether better sex on video will mean better sex in the bedrooms of Britain, but Gregg hopes it will. Although he lost his job in the Although he lost his job in the publicity furore surrounding the video's release, most reactions, including those from family and friends, have been positive. He is undaumted at the prospect of showing it "at the right time" to any children he and Anne might have. and unconcerned that the filming of their marital bliss less than a year after their wedding may in any way be delivering a hostage to fortune.

"It was not an easy thing to do but we learnt a lot about each other and I think we've become closer and stronger as a couple."

Keep on taking the liquids

A GP believes he has a simple way to help people off tranquillisers

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Year. John - a Midlands businessman - including that of Dr Marmade a resolution to wear himself off tranquillisers by March 1 after being on them for "18 years of hell". He felt he could give himself a definite date thanks to a new tranquilliser kit, pioneered by Dr Iain Clark, a Buckinghamshire GP.

"The idea is very simple," says Pam Armstrong, a nurse/psychology graduate who chairs the Council for Involuntary Tranquilliser Addiction (CITA). "Most tranquillisers are given in tablet

form, which makes it difficult for users to reduce their dosage slowly. Some pa-tients are even advised to score off

miniscule amounts using a razor blade. Because of the in-accuracies, the anxiety, nausea, bowel disorders can be unbearably

Dr Clark's kit -

known as Benzodiazepine find 60 days too short to give Withdrawal Kit (Penn) — can be obtained by any GP on NHS prescription and control of two longer courses of 100 and sists of Valium in liquid form. (Valium is used since it is regarded as the "easiest tran-quilliser" to kick.) The patient is given two bottles: one contains the tranquilliser and the other contains a dilutant. The patient takes a 5ml dose from the first bottle and replaces the amount (in the same bottle) with dilutant from the second, using the measure provided. This enables the patient to

reduce his intake so slowly that some almost don't notice Miss Armstrong says. "Psychologically, people feel they're taking the same amount (a teaspoon) even though it is diluted, whereas a tablet a day rather than a whole one. And because it is possible to get to the end of the bottle after 60 days. patients have a date as a

goal."
The kit, CITA suggests. could bring relief to some of the 3 million patients who are

on tranquillisers. Dr Clark hit on his remedy while pondering if there could be a use for diluting an elixir rather than concentrating it. A letter that he wrote on the subject to The Lancet in 1989 raised correspondence between pharmacists concerned over the health and legal problems of individual patients diluting their own doses. Some properly manufactured kit with simple instructions.

t the beginning of this The kit is on trial in three garet Goddard: "We have new patients joining the praclisers for years. We hope the main advantage will be al-most imperceptible withdrawal symptoms.

"One disadvantage with the method is that the kit is quite bulky and the bottles (of tranquilliser and dilutant) are rather large to handle," Dr Goddard says. "Patients also have to be taught the principle and some might find that difficult at first. On the

other hand, it is working quite well in my practice. Some patients are either off tranquillisers altogether or else down to a very low dose."
Dr David

Reade, an Aintree GP with a special interest in CITA's work, has had positive feedback although he points out that the concoction "can taste nasty and

120 days. He also points out that true success cannot be measured for two to three months after kicking the drug

completely. "Because tranquillisers can hang around the body after a patient has stopped taking them, it's still possible to have on-going withdrawal symptoms," he says. Diluting the medicine should also. Dr Reade adds, be accompanied by advice on coping with stress situations.

But meanwhile, John, the Midlands businessman who drove 70 miles to see Dr Clark after hearing about his kit, believes an end to his though I have slight with drawal symptoms such as shaking, I feel I've got them under control."

One disadvantage, he says is that even though the instructions are simple, they might still thwart unsteady addicts suffering severe shakes and anxiety attacks. His wife therefore oversees his daily doses. "Ever since I was first prescribed Librium by a friendly doctor who thought I was over-working, I've been a heap of pills. I've had every kind of side-effect including high fevers, dizzi-ness and a cough that I thought would kill me. Now I've got a target date for getting off. To me, that's a lifeline."

JANE BIDDER **△ Times Newspapers Ltd 1992**

Post-lymphoma president?

LAST week the Royal London Hospital in Whitechapel opened a new 25bedded ward designed for the special nursing needs of patients who have had a bone marrow transplant. This week the Democrat Paul Tsongas won the New Hampshire primary. The two events are not unconnected, for nine years ago Mr Tsongas underwent an autologous marrow transplant for the treatment of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a cancer of the lymph glands and reticulo-endothelial (part of the body's immunological

When Mr Tsongas had this particular treatment for lymphoma it was still in its infancy, and indeed he must be among the world's longest known survivors. But now, if not common-



MEDICAL BRIEFING Dr Thomas Stuttaford

place, it is standard therapy for those in whom the initial course of chemotherapy for lymphoma has been ineffective, or who have later relapsed. American medical opinion is divided as to whether Mr Tsongas is fit enough to run for the White House, but Tim Oliver, professor of oncology at the Royal London Hospital is among the optimists. He said that, in his experience, if the patient had shown no signs of relapse within four years or so after treatment of a lymphoma they were likely to do well. Mr Tsongas has done so well, and

is so fit, that his advisers arranged for him to strip down and be paraded in a. swimming pool in order to demon-strate his athleticism, whereas of course the aides of his rival Governor Bill Clinton are only too anxious that their candidate should remain fully clothed as much as possible. Lymphomas are divided into two broad groups: Hodgkin's disease, in

which large multi-nucleated reticular

cells (Reed Sternberg cells) are found

in the cancerous lymph glands; and non-Hodgkin's 'lymphoma, where

which used to be known as lymphosarcomas and reticulo cell sarcomas, is the more common and as in his case it is usually found in the male. Again like Mr Tsongas, it is often found in those in their forties, but any age group can suffer.

these cells are absent. Non-Hodgkin's

lymphoma (Mr Tsongas's disease),

Frequently the first signs of a lymphoma are enlarged glands in the neck or groin. Although at this stage the patient may feel well, on examination they are often found to be anaemic. The likelihood of successful treatment depends on the type of blood cell involved but Professor Oliver reckons that overall up to 60 per cent of his patients will have longterm cures.

The grape escape WHEN Gillian Shephard, the Conservative party deputy chairman and treasury minister, addressed Conservatives in Marylebone, the heartland of the medical es-

noticeable that doctors present did not seem to be too concerned about drinking Italian white wine. Nor should they be. The latest contaminated wine scare revolves around the illicit addition of excessive amounts of a fungicide, methyl-isothiocyanate (MIT) added to prevent fermentation in the bottle. But with the amounts which the German health authorities initially.

tablishment, this week it was

sequently, found in the samples tested, danger to health is most unlikely.
The average-sized male

and our own inspectors sub-



bottles, the result of a life-time of attending Conservative cheese and wine parties, before he suffered really serious ill-effects. A doctor from the poisons unit at Guy's Hospital, London, however, said that it was just possible that some particularly sensitive patient might suffer from gastro-intestinal inflammation irritability, "an upset tummy," after having a bottle tions MIT was known to be a

strong contact irritant. But for most people there will be

no danger. To plead exposure to MIT as the explanation for a hangover would be unconvincing. But the wine trade, sensitive after previous contamination scandals, is taking no chances. Marks & Spencer has withdrawn 25,000 bottles of white Pinot Grigio and red Merlot, Gateway its Pinot Bianco del Veneto and Spar its own red Valpolicella and white Soave.

Checks on the cold

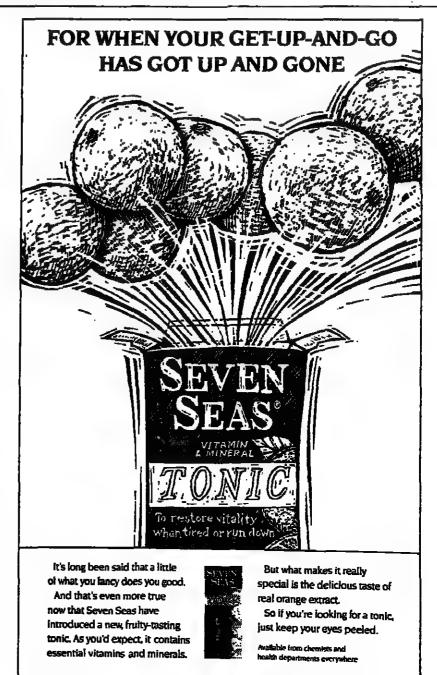
THIS winter the East Midland Electricity company, with the co-operation of Age Concern, has given 20,000 subscribers a small wall thermometer so that they may be warned if room temperature falls to dangerous levels. They have also issued a booklet which describes the hazards of hypothermia and gives hints on its avoidance. The pattern in which the

thermometer dial has been painted helps to dispel one of the misconceptions of hypothermia. Too often it is thought that hypothermia only occurs when the weather is near arctic, but the blue for danger, and cold, zone on the dial extends up to 65 degrees Fahrenheit. Evidence shows that long-term exposure of the elderly to chilly rooms is the most frequent cause of

hypothermia, more important statistically than the occasional dramatic case in which a patient is found near death in a freezing room.

Accidental hypothermia may take days to develop, for once the body temperature falls to below 95 degrees Fahrenheit it continues to drop slowly and treacherously. In older patients the ability to notice cold, as well as their body's ability to adapt to it, is diminished. As the body's temperature falls, the abdominal wall, as well as the hands and feet, become cold to the touch. Infections, poor diet. immobility and a host of drugs ranging from beta blockers to tranquillisers pre-dispose to hypothermia.

Age Concern emphasises four simple rules. If necessary, eat and sleep in one warm mom: wear several layers of light clothing; take regular warm meals and hot drinks; keep out the cold by



A luxury they cannot afford

Are market forces killing off the protected rents paid by long-term tenants? Rachel Kelly reports

he road to hell is paved with well-intentioned laws. One such law was the 1988 Housing Act. It was designed to get more rented accommodation on to the market. which it did, but behind the facades of many fine West London apartment blocks it has led to near-panic among long-standing tenants who face soaring rents as a side-effect of the legislation.

These tenants had become accustomed to their protected status under the 1977 Rent Act, another well-intentioned law, universally hailed as a good thing because it laid down the rules for establishing fair rents for those living in

Such tenants are protected by the Rent Acts and their rents are decided by a rent officer. The rents are supposed to mirror market rates. although

rent officers must disregard this ele-'A protected ment if the market has been tenant cannot influenced by scarcity. Land-lords or tenants be booted out. who disagree with their deci-Instead, he sions can appeal to a rent assessis bankrupted ment panel. out'

Housing Act created the assured shorthold tenancy, under which a landlord could eject a tenant after six months. Such certainty gave many the confidence they needed to let property. As a result, the amount of rented property on the market

In turn, this expansion meant rent officers had much more evidence of what rents were actually being charged, while landlords could compare the rents they were now getting on the open market, flushed by the end of regulation, to the rents they were getting from their regulated tenancies. Landlords started to apply for big rent increases, arguing that there was no general scarcity any more, so fair rents were effectively the same

as market rents. As landlords asked rent officers for higher amounts and the high rents in the free market were taken into account, the upward pres-sures mounted and the result has been steep rises for protected

tenants. Among the worst-hit are the gentlefolk living in the numerous Edwardian mansion blocks of the London suburbs of Kensington, Chelsea and Westminster.

Dudley Fishburn, Conservative MP for Kensington, says: "Once a protected tenant has to pay open market rents, he stops being protected. He cannot be booted out: instead he is bankrupted out. This is not what the law intended."

A spokesman for the Department of the Environment says: "It is true that in some areas of London, and elsewhere in the country, fair-rent tenants have seen bigger rises since January 1989 than they have been accus tomed to in the past. This reflects the artificial world created by years of regulation."

The DoE estimates that there are 180,000 protected tenants in

London, with roughly 13,000 tenants apiece in the boroughs of Kensington and Chelsea and

St George's Court in Kensington is a typi-cal large, red-brick mansion block of roomy flats with an impressive red-car-peted hall. The tenants of 24 flats

are protected by the Rent Act while the other 28 flats are let to employees of foreign companies. The block's inhabitants include Deidre Henty-Crier, the artist, and a retired journalist, Harry Morgan, who is also chairman of the St George's Court Residents' Association.

Mr Morgan has lived in a three-bedroom flat in the block for 20 years. He fears his rent will double. Last year, a rent officer fixed the figure at £5,000 a year, although the landlord. Pegasi Ltd., had requested a rent of £5,840. The landlord has appealed against the decision. Mr Morgan awaits the rent-assessment panel's deci-sion with trepidation.

"I do not know the exact level that will be asked from me on appeal," he says. "But, taking the examples of what has already happened, I fear the landlord will want to up the rent to £10.500 a



Winter of discontent: Deidre Henty-Crier, who is one of many tenants facing an uncertain future in London's most select areas

Mr Morgan cites the case of a fellow inhabitant, Professor Tony West, aged 75, whose landlord originally wanted to increase the rent from £4,825 to £6,030. The rent officer disagreed and set a figure of £5.500. The landlord then appealed against this decision to a rent assessment panel hearing and also increased the amount being asked to £10,500. The case is still being considered.

"Such levels are designed to force us out." Mr Morgan says. "The landlord knows that many tenants can't pay and then he will let out the flats to foreign company employees at rents of £19,500 to £32,500 a year.

"What this means is that

wealthy foreign landlords are buying up houses and blocks of flats where they feel they can greatly inflate the rent. While this may be commercially sound it means you drive out regular dwellers and fill the borough with transients."

Some might say that if tenants cannot afford the rents, that is their problem. Pegasi and other landlords are acting entirely within the law.

Adrian Bleackiey, a spokesman for Pegasi, says: This is a fairly political issue and journalists seem to specialise in beating the landlords. The fact that someone can have a five-room flat in South Kensington for £100 a week should be remembered. I think lots of people would jump at that

opportunity."

Nor have any vast rent increases
yet been agreed, Mr Bleackley says. "There is a lot of speculation about what rents might be, but nothing has been finalised. This is an ongoing process of rent regis-

Rents are negotiated on a twoyearly cycle rather than every year, Mr Bleackley adds, and any increases should be judged with

The distressed inhabitants of St George's says that these are not simply market rents but have been distorted by the ability of foreign tenants to pay far higher amounts than locals can.

The market is cruelly distorted," Mr Fishburn says. "At a time of 4 per cent inflation, rent increases of up to 50 per cent are becoming more and more common throughout Kensington.

"These high demands reflect the boom days of yesteryear, not today's recession. Nor is it reasonable to compare company lets with what private individuals can afford," the MP adds.

n the other hand, the DoE says there is "con-siderable anecdotal evidence that market rents in London are now falling back a little, having peaked last year in the first flush of deregulation. Rent officers know this and will reflect it

when registration next becomes due." However, the department confirms that there has been "a rapid decline in the number of regulated tenancies" in London, although it adds that not all new tenants are foreigners.

"Of course having a leavening of people from abroad is a good thing," Professor West says. "But it's different when there are no Already, he says, local business-

es such as the plumber across the road and the local supermarket have had to close down as the local population has dwindled. "It's like the Highland Clear-ances of the 1700s," Mr Morgan

"The translent population has no interest in the future of the city

or feeling of pride in their country," Professor West adds.
"They are creatures of fashion.
One year it's London, the next it will be Frankfurt or Paris."

Is it a fly? No, it's a robot

Britain leads the world in the testing of

construction robots

THE slump in the building trade has led to a greater interest in developing robots to do tasks more cheaply, safely and quickly than man. The Building Research Establishment (BRE), the principal organisation in the country carrying out research into building and construction, has put its weight behind research into construction robots.

At the BRE's 77-acre base in north London research is being done on robots that will scale skyscrapers, inspect their walls, level floors and dig continuous tunnels in soft ground to a preset depth. The BRE has just become the home of the International Association for Automation and Robotics in Construction, which was set up last year. It will distribute information on robotic developments and coordinate research from around the world. French scientists have devel-

oped robots which can inspect vertical surfaces: the Common-wealth of Independent States has a robot which can paint buildings: and the Finns have a robot which can tile walls.

"Robots have many advantages in construction," says Melville Pountney, of the association, "For example, they will be able to climb high buildings which is far safer than the current method of abseiling."

Portsmouth Polytechnic has already developed a robot which climbs up vertical walls like an

Because the machines have to support their own weight on vacuum suckers they need a constant power supply and a back-up rope in case of failure. The BRE is developing a robot which will determine the state of repair of a tower block. "The Portsmouth robot is better at getting about, but our one will be better at collecting information."

Mr Pountney says. "The ideal will be putting the two together. "Robots will take the drudge out of building," he adds. "Hu-man builders will be upgraded into skilled operatives who can

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As it happens: a scene from a BBC 40 Minutes programme on America's video culture

David Lloyd on how television current affairs programmes could recapture their old bite

I first sight, the omens for current affairs pro-L grammes over the next decade are none too promising. On ITV, current affairs would seem to be lighting for its very existence, while the BBC's output is judged to lack

enterprise and impact.
At Channel 4 there is confidence, but no certainty. that an ambitious programme mix can survive the pressures of a truly competi-

tive advertising market.
This threat to current affairs programmes is brought about, I believe, not so much by the new Broadcasting Act however unwanted and unwarranted that Act may be or by political sabre-rattling over the BBC's charter, but by the inability of much of current affairs to move with

the times.

The agenda-setting quality that was once the prerogative of the traditional flagships — Panorama, This Week, World In Action — has been largely unsurped by the news programmes. Today's television news has a power and versatility undreamt of even a

Telling tales decade ago, it commands an increasing share of resources

and it has the appearance, at least, of rendering much of current affairs obsolete. For is that not the very skill of the news journalist — to cover in three minutes what might take others 30? But let us be clear what-

modern news magazines can. and cannot, achieve. Even at the BBC, where news broadcasting has improved spectacularly in the past five years. the effect has been to deepen coverage over a given range of stories rather than to widen the range itself. The shift in the balance between news and current affairs has been particularly visible here, where the merging of the two departments would seem to

have taken place largely to the detriment of current affairs. At ITV, and the particular circumstances of the franchise round, one can hardly blame an editor for chosing to

breast implants rather than Yugoslavia, but one has to wonder whether such preferences will, of themselves, guarantee the long-term survival of current affairs.

Two prescriptions, suggest themselves. The first would change the basis on which these pro-grammes are commissioned, in an attempt to restore them to the focus of interest. Such an approach would disband the "in house" teams that make them: however gifted, they provide too narrow a reservoir-of ideas to meet the challenge.

The programmes should then be opened to the full diversity of the freelance and independent production sectors, boosting the ambition and impact of the stories covered and tapping a culture that fully matches that of the news journalist.

This is a model which has been followed. I like to think to some effect, by Channel 4's Dispatches. The second prescription

must be to exchange old formats for new. Here the BBC can point to new pro-grammes lke Public Eye and assignment as evidence that this is precisely the road that they have decided to travel. But even after two or three seasons, these programmes still feel as if they're prompted by a distinct Broadcasting House plan than by a need to discover a wholly new genre of current affairs.

At Channel 4 we have tried, modestly to date, to enter this arena, with last autumn's "on air" pilot programmes under the 4-Thought banner. What the season demonstrated, in my view, was that it is possible to find new frames of reference for such programmes. indeed, to judge by my correspondence, there is a real

appetite for a new generation of current affairs. One can go further: there is

a palpable ennul with programmes which ask the same old questions over and over again, while glossing over others; which fall to make newly dynamic connections between current events or areas of policy; and which fail to admit a wider range of ideas than can ever be glimpsed in a news bulletin. Some of the 4-Thought pilots will be seen in more substantial series later this year, Beyond that, at the very least a spark has been lit which dare we hope - will ignite other channels.

So when, in a few weeks. you see Paddy Ashdown asked, for the umpteenth time in the umpteenth news bulletin, which party in the event of a hung parliament . well, you know the rest . . say a prayer for the survival of imaginative, inquisitive current affairs.

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The End of History debate

Fukuyama has set the scene: in 1989 he said that a liberal democwill be the only viable political system in a post-ideological world. Provocnew book. The End of History and the Last Man (to be published here on March 5 by Hamish Hamilton), he has expanded his thoughts. Is he right? Is this the sort of future we really face? The Times has invited

ify his views at a testing debate: The End of History debate, at the Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way. London WC1, on Thursday March 5, starting at

The chairman will be Simon Jenkins, the editor of The Times. The speakers will include Norman Stone, Professor of Modern History, Oxford; Roger Scruton, Professor of Aesthetics, London; Ernest Geliner,

Professor of Social Anthropology. Cambridge: and Tessa Blackstone. Master of Birkbeck College and frontbench Labour peer. Tickets for the debate cost £10 (£5 for students). To get your ticket, call today at Dillons the Bookstore. 82 Gower Street, London WCIE 6EQ (071-580 3243; fax 071-580 7680), or complete the coupon below and post it to Dillons, marking on the envelope "Fukuyama

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All the news that fits London

and the southeast has long been regarded by some viewers as a second-division operation with second-rate resources. The best talent, so the feeling goes, disappears to find fame covering nat-ional and international news for the BBC and ITN.

But come next January, viewers, in the capital will be in for a surprise. The two new London ITV licencees have promised that bulletins will be slick and hardhitting, with big name presenters and specialist correspondents to rival the likes of ITN's News At Ten and the BBC's Nine O'Clock

London Weekend Television and Carlton Television, which ousted Thames in last October's blind bid ITV auction, have formed a joint company to produce a seven-day-a-week news operation in London. The companies promise "strong, intriguing, lively and dramatic stories" with "glamorous and authoritative presentation" to enhance the status of the region's news output.

Local London news providers have often lost their best stories to ITN or the BBC, which tend. not surprisingly, to treat strong London stories as national news. Scheduling has also meant that a local bulletin is forced to ignore stories important to Londoners or The capital's viewers are being promised local coverage of international quality

risk appearing a pale imitation of but at the end of the day it is the main network news which has preceded it. News in the capital need no longer be the poor relation to

national and international news," says Paul Corley, Carlton's con-troller of factual programmes. There are many stories specific to London that don't make the national bulletins or get the atten-

tion and analysis many Londoners want. There will always be some duplication of output, but there is no reason why local London bulletins cannot go much further than the national

Clive Jones: to head service

But Robin Paxton, LWT's controller of current affairs, believes there is no solution to the duplication problem other than to lump together local, regional, national and international news in a single programme. "Few things anger the viewer more than seeing stories repeated: one can tart up a story

duplication. If you let ITN cover all London stories, then ultimately the local news will be parochial. The solution has to be a single news service giving Londoners all the news, local and national, with a London perspective."
Carlton and LWT, which signed

the joint venture deal on Wednesday after months of negotiations. admit they have not yet agreed on how best to avoid the repetition problem. Mr Corley is thinking of a news hour between 5.30pm and 6.30pm in-

corporating ITN's News At 5:40, but Mr

Paxton thinks the ITN bulletin should be rescheduled earlier, so that by 6.30pm "a new audience would be available for a programme with ITN reports repackaged for the London audience". But if the scheduling and the content is not yet entirely agreed. what is clear is that far more

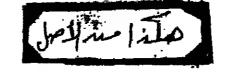
improved local news service, given the economies of scale to be achieved by sharing a single news room, facilities and staff.

Thames and LWT now provide separate news services. Money spent keeping two teams and two studios going will now be spent on news-gathering, with Carlton and LWT splitting the £10 million annual bill 70:30. The joint company will also share resources with Sunrise, the new breakfast licencee in which Carlton and LWT both hold 20 per cent stakes.

Staff of London News, its provisional name, will number about 100, and specialist correspondents will be hired for the first time to provide investigative and analytical feature coverage. More crews will be put on the road, while an emphasis will be placed on creating names and personalities to rival the likes of Julia Somerville or Trevor McDonald

"Pooling the resources of two of the largest licences in ITV means we will be able to offer viewers the best presenters, reporters and editors," says Clive Jones, head of regional programmes at TVS, who takes over as the joint company's new managing director. "We will provide the news service London

MELINDA WITTSTOCK



Major blamed for causing recession

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

NEIL Kinnock greeted yes-terday's official figures confirming the longest recession since the 1930s and a 2.5 per cent drop in GDP last year by accusing John Major of being "not only the prime minister of recession but the prime cause of recession".

Accusing him of "groping around" to find excuses for failure, Mr Kinnock repeated what he was seeking to make a campaign slogan: "Major-

ism isn't working".
With opinion polls showing that only 9 per cent of people blame the Major government for recession, Labour is losing no opportunity to point out that the prime minister was Chancellor when the reces-

In bitter Commons ques-tion time exchanges, Mr Major insisted that not just Britain but the world was suffering from economic slowdown. He claimed that the right circumstances for recovery were in place, with lower interest rates, lower mortgage rates and lower inflation. And he said: "The people of this country won't

let you throw that away." Earlier, cabinet ministers urged Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to press ahead with tax cuts as Mr Lamont reported on the Budget background. The mood was said to be one of "realism" as he reminded them that under the autumn statement provisions, some E7 billion extra of public spending would begin on April 1.

Ministers were understood

to have taken the view that the

markets would accept an increase in public borrowing to more than £20 billion to facilitate tax cuts. Officially the cabinet was said to have endorsed the options set out by

the Chancellor. Earlier Tony Newton, the social services secretary, and Mr Lamont, bitterly attacked Labour's plans for an extension of taxation on savings, arguing that they would hit those who had tetired early. those who been made redundant and widows dependent on the income from insur-

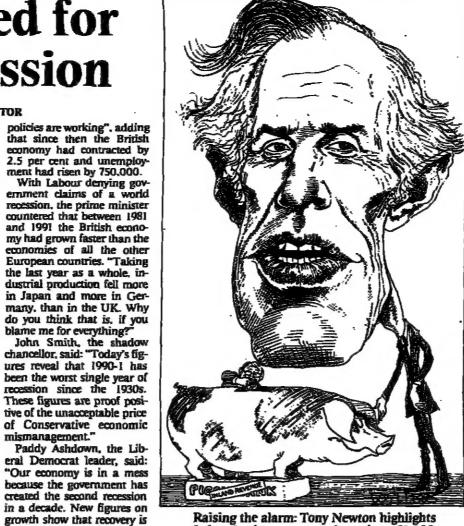
ance payouts.

Mr Newton accused Labour of launching "an old-fashioned class war against an ever-growing army of sav-ers and inheritors". Mr Lamont said: "We can do without Labour's pickpocket National Insurance tax. And we can do without their envy

tax on savings." Mr Lamont said that Labour's planned 9 per cent tax on savings incomes above £3.000 a year would hit 1.1 million non-pensioner taxpayers, 750,000 of them on the basic rate. Many would have incomes less than £21,000 a year, breaking Mr Kinnock's pledge that nobody below that level would face a tax increase. Mr Newton said that 750,000 basic rate taxpayers, mostly those who had retired early, would lose an average of £5.40 a week. Another 360,000 high-er rate taxpayers would lose

as far away as ever."

an average of £34 a week. In the Commons Mr Kinnock recalled Mr Major saying a year ago that "our



Raising the alarm: Tony Newton highlights Labour's plans to tax savings above £3,000

Minister alerted to drug risks

By PETER MULLIGAN

ALARM at the dangers from the drug "Ecstasy" reached the Commons yesterday as ministers were urged to take action to stop its spread.

John Patten, Home Office minister of state, acknowledged that Ecstasy can kill by causing lung failure, and said there was evidence linking it to psychotic problems. There were five deaths last year.

He said the drug mostly came from abroad after successes by the UK police who had closed down four manufacturers. Under pressure from Labour to justify the decision to cut 400 customs officers' jobs, he told MPs there had been record seizures of Ecstasy this year. Mr Patten said a new Euro-

pean-wide drugs intelligence unit would lead to closer police links, while 17 drug prevention teams were in place in areas where Ecstasy and other drugs were used in large amounts.

Mr Patten promised to consider another backbench suggestion that warnings of penalties for drug offences should be handed to passengers on incoming airliners.

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Poll date likely to limit Budget debate

By PHILIP WEBSTER CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TORY strategists and MPs expect John Major to announce the date of the general election on Thursday, March 12, two days after the Budget. With Westminster now

unanimous in the belief that the election will be on April 9. Mr Major is believed likely to make the formal announcement after the cabinet meeting on March 12. Nothing is firmly fixed, but

under provisional plans being discussed by strategists the Commons would then be told on Thursday afternoon that the Budget debate. which by then would have been running for two days, was being curtailed. Votes would take place that

day on the key Budget resolu-tions governing collection of taxes, excise duties, and the continuation of tax relief on mortgage interest. The government will also want a vote on any tax cuts made in the Budget to highlight the main philosophical difference between the two main parties. Labour is committed to re-

versing cuts in the basic rate. The Finance Bill implementing the Budget would be pushed through in one day. on the Friday, after a guillotine motion limiting debate. The Conservative central council in Torquay and the Labour Scottish conference in Edinburgh will give Mr Major and Neil Kinnock the chance to send their parties into battle. The Commons would then be prorogued on the Monday, March 16, the last possible day to enable the statutory minimum election

campaign period. Labour leaders are predicting chaos over parliamentary business because of the govemment's decision to have the Budget on March 10 rather than March 3, which they say would have allowed a more orderly dissolution of Parliament. There will be claims of "constitutional outrage" over the shortening of the Budget debate and the rushing through of the Fi-

nance Bill. John MacGregor, the Commons leader, stonewalled yesterday when his Labour shadow John Cunningham demanded an assurance that the Budget demanded would not be truncated in the event of an April

AROUND THE

Labour to replace secrets act

A Labour government will introduce a right to information act in its first year, Roy Hattersley said yesterday. The legisla-tion has already been

drawn up. Speaking at a newspaper awards presentation in London, Mr Hattersley said the bill was based on the principle that all public information must be freely available unless it could be shown to be detrimental to the security of the state or the welfare of private individuals. It would replace the Official Secrets Act.

New sentences

Since February 1989, when the law was changed, Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney-general, has referred 69 cases to the Court of Appeal because he thought the sentence too ienient. In 36 cases already dealt with, the sentence was increased; in ten it was unchanged. Seven were withdrawn.

Europe's price

Each person will pay about £21 towards the EC budget this financial year, the Treasury estimates. Next year, according to a written answ from Francis Maude, the financial secretary, the net contribution will be about £50 a person.

44,000 in jail

The average prison population in England and Wales last year was 44,808, Angela Rumbold. a Home Office minister, said in a written reply.

Parliament today Commons (9.30): Private member's bill: Referendum Bill, second reading.

Lords (11): Further and Higher Education (Scot-land) Bill and Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) (No 2) Bill, second

Millions overpaid on defence

DEFENCE officials were criticised by the government's financial watchdog yesterday

Sir John Bourn, the head of the audit office, called for a higher priority for improving the system of handling de-

The Commons public acin 1990 because it did not

fulfil the ministry's needs. After examining the ministry's £1.5 billion information technology programmes, the committee said the cost of the learning process was sometimes "unacceptably high".

The report said: "We enquired about the question of hacking since a whole system could be thrown into disarray if people were able to achieve access to it ... The department confirmed that they were very concerned . . . They told us that there were government-wide arrangements for disseminating knowledge and best computer security

practice. National Audit Office: financial control over payments by the Ministry of Defence (Sta-tionery Office £7.80) Commons public accounts committee 13th report -Ministry of Defence: support information technology (Sta-

The Westminster week

The main business in the House of Commons next week is expected to be:
Monday: Motion to renew
prevention of terrorism act.
Tuesday: Local Government Bill, remaining stages. Wednesday: Debate on inflation on a government Thursday: Debate on Weish affairs. Friday: Private member's

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on the economy of the North-Thursday: Local Governmen Finance Bill third reading. Friday: Medicinal Products (Prescriptions by Nurses) Bill. Stillbirth (Definition) Bill, and Traffic Calming Bill.

contracts

By Sheila Gunn POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

for overpaying contractors more than £166 million.

Although the sums were eventually recovered, the National Audit Office pointed out that the Treasury lost hun-dreds of thousands of pounds in interest through delays.

fence payments totalling about £24 billion a year.

counts committee, working on the findings of the audit office, rebuked the defence ministry for poor planning and security of new computer systems. The MPs said they were particularly concerned about the waste of £6 million on the Landscape system, which the ministry's permanent secretary, Sir Michael Ouinlan, had admitted was "a sorry tale". The technology for land systems controls was started in 1984 but cancelled

The threat of "hacking" into defence computers also alarmed MPs who called for a unified security agency to be set up as a matter of urgency.

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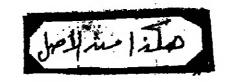
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Home transfer for child

KvK Before Lord Justice Nouise and Mr Justice Thorpe Judgment February 11]

The financial relief provisions of section 11B of the Guardianship of Minors Act 1971, as inserted by section 12 of the Family Law Reform Act 1987, enabled an order to be made for the transfer of property for the benefit of a child even though no financial benefit was thereby conferred on him. The provisions could, in appropriate circumstances, be used for welfare ourcopers to cust used for welfare purposes to oust one parent from the family home by transferring his rights as tenant to the other parent.

The Court of Appeal so held in giving judgment on a father's appeal against a order by Judge September 1991 to transfer the father's rights as joint tenant of council accommodation to the mother of his four young children. However, the court held that the case would have to be re-tried as Judge Lynch had failed to comply with section 12A of the 1971 Act, as inserted by section 43 of the Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Cours Act 1978, when he made the order by not giving proper consideration to

provides: "(1) The court may, on the application of either parent of a child, make - . . . (2)(d) an order requiring either parent to transfer of the child, or to the child, such property as may be so specified...".

Mr Timothy King, QC and Mr Anthony Hayden for the father, Mr David Harris, QC and Miss Jacqueline Wall for the mother.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the parents, who were not married, had four young house. Their relationship had broken down and in June 1991 Judge Lynch made an order giving custody, care and control of the children to the mother with staying access to the father.

The father remained in the

house and in September 1991
Judge Lynch, having held an
ouster injunction to be inappropriate, ordered that under section
11B of the 1971 Act "the father
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on transfer his interest in the property ... to the mother for the benefit of the children".

Mr King agreed that the father's joint tenancy was "property" for the purposes of the section. However he argued that that provision was a financial one in section 118(2)(d) the words in section 11B(2)(d) the words "for the benefit of" meant for the financial benefit and was not intended to provide merely a

weifare benefit.

The argument was rejected. It was against principle and authority: see Allen vAllen [1974] i WLR 1171). "Benefit" was a word of wide import and was not to be come a retrieved meeting.

given a restricted meaning. But Mr King had an alternative submission that, assuming Judge Lynch had jurisdiction to make tynen had jurisdiction to make the order, he had acted improperly by failing to carry out the balancing execise required by section 12A of the 1971 Act.

That submission should be acceded to. The judge did not do what section 12A required of him. He had based his order solely on what was beet for the children.

what was best for the children. Injustice might thereby result to the father, in particular, the possibility of his being deprived of the right to buy the house in the Housing Act 1980. A retrial of the case should take

place as soon as practical before a designated judge in Liverpool County Court

Mr Justice Thorpe gave a concurring judgment.

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Maisonette a house

Malpas v St Ermin's Proper-

A building divided horizonatally into two maisonettes with two front doors on the ground floor could reasonably be called a

Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Sleynl so held on February 5 in dismissing an appeal by St Ermin's Property Co Ltd against the decision of Judge Willis at Croydon County Court on Feb-ruary 22, 1991 who held that Mrs Edith Mary Malpas was entitled to acquire the freehold of 22A Clarenden Road, Wimbledon under the Leasehold Reform Act

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that it was not in doubt that Mrs Malpas satisfied all the requirements of the 1967 Act for acquiring the freehold provided the building could reasonably be

called a house. It was well established that if a building could reasonably be called a house, the fact that it could reasonably be called something else was irrelevant: see, for example. Lake v Bennett [1970]

In the present case, the property could reasonably be described as a building divided into two flats, but it could also reasonably be described as a house. The fact there were two front doors did not mean it was no longer a house.

Regina v Brown (Anthony) Regina v Laskey (Colin) Regina v Jaggard Regina v Lucas (Saxon) Regina v Carter Regina v Cadman

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Rose and Mr (Judgment February 19)

Willing and enthusiastic participation in sado-masochistic acts of violence against each other acts of violence against each totale by a group of homosexuals for the sexual pleasure it engendered in the giving and receiving of pain provided no defence to charges of assault and wounding under the Offences against the Person Act

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing appeals against conviction by five men on pleas of guilty following re-arraignment on November 7, 1990 after a ruling at the Central Court by Judge Pant. Criminal Court by Judge Rant, QC, that, in the particular circumstances, it was unnecessary for the prosecution to prove that the victim did not consent to the

infliction of bodily harm or wounding on him. The appeals were also against sentences passed totalling on Brown of two years nine months. reduced on appeal to three months, on Laskey of four and a half years reduced on appeal to two years, on Jaggard of three years, reduced on appeal to six months; on Lucas of three years reduced to six months; and on reduced to six months; and on

Cadman, who appealed only against sentence of four and a half years, reduced to three years. The court certified that a point of law of general public im-portance was involved, namely: "When A wounds or assaults B occasioning him actual bodily harm in the course of a sadomasochistic encounter, does the prosecution have to prove lack of consent on the part of B before it can establish A's guilt under section 20 or section 47 of the

Offences against the Person Act 1861?' Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was granted. Mr Lawrence Kershen for Brown: Miss Anna Worrall, QC and Mr Gibson Grenfell for Laskey: Lady Mallalleu, QC and Mr Adrian Fulford for Jaggard; Mr Adrian Fulford for Lucas, Mr Jonathan Lurie for Carter, Mr Russell Davies for Cadman: all assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals. Mr Michael Worsley. QC and Mr David

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE. giving the judgment of the court, said that the basis of the appeals against conviction was the contention that the judge was wrong in ruling as he did.

The appeliants belonged to a group of sado-masochistic homosexuals who willingly and enthu-siastically participated in the commission of acts of violence againt each other for the sexual

pleasure which it engendered in the giving and receiving of pain. Some who had been convicted had not appealed.

The activities took place at a

number of different locations including rooms equipped as torture chambers at the homes of co-defendants Ian Wilkinson and Peter John Grindley, who had peter John Grindley. Who had abandoned their appeals, and the appellant Cadman. Video cameras were used to record the activities and the resulting tapes were then copied and distributed among members of the group.

The prosecution case was based learned, but the contents of the

largely on the contents of the video tapes. There was no suggestion that the tapes had been sold or used other than for the delectafrom the decision of members of the group. The group activities extended over a 10-year period from 1978.
His Lordship reviewed details of some 19 counts. Included

among them was count?, involv-ing Laskey. It charged assault occasioning actual bodily harm. Stinging nettles were applied around the genital area and buttocks of the victim. He was hit

with a cat of nine tails and the inside of his thighs was caned.

Count 17 alleged unlawful wounding against Lucas and Jaggard. A co-defendant named Atkinson had his penis nailed to a teacher he was count abit and bench: he was caned, hit and rubbed with a spiked strap, then cut with a scalpel by Lucas. There were five lateral cuts together with further cuts to the victim's scroturn and there was a free flow of

It was common ground that all the actions to which the appel-lants pleaded guilty were done with the consent of the passive partner or victim.

There was no permanent in-jury: no infection of the wounds: no evidence of any medical atten-tion being sought. There was no complaint to the police. The facts came to light by chance during investigation of other matters. The actions were carried out in private. There was no profit motive and no sale of the video

It was submitted that there could be no assault unless the prosecution proved that there was a "hostile" act by the defendant. That submission was based on dicta in Fairclough v Whipp (1951) 2 All ER 834), where it was held that an invitation to a child to commit an indecent act, even if the invitation was accepted was not an assault, indecent or otherwise. His Lordship said that, if hos-

tile meant aggressive or in-rentional, then that definition was satisfied in the instant case. If it meant without the consent of the other party, then it added nothing to the arguments about consent which were at the heart of the

At the lowest, the imention in the present case to inflict pain and suffering was in the circum-stances a sufficient degree of

hostility to constitute an assault, subject to the question of consent. Another submission was that it

Another submission was that it was inappropriate to lay charges under the 1861 Act which, it was said, was not intended to apply to consensual actions in private not causing serious injury, particularly where such actions were merely incidents of private sexual behaviour.

His Lordship said that if the events had been merely incidents events had been merely incidents in the course of private activities, whether homo- or heterosexual, then doubtless different consid-

erations would have been applied. erations would have been applied.
Where, however, as in this case, there had adminedly been inflicted either wounding or actual bodily harm, it was in their Lordships' judgment both permissible and correct to lay charges under the 1861 Act.
References had been made to Remot of the Committee on

Report of the Committee on Homosexual Offences and Prostitution, the Wolfender Re-port ((1957) Cmnd 247) and to the decision of the European Court of Human Rights in Dudgeon v United Kingdom ([1982] 4
EHRR 149), but they did not
seem to be relevant, as they did
not apply when wounds or actual
bodily harm were actually
sufficed.

The real nub of the appeal was the contention that the consent of the victim in the circumstances prevented the prosecution from proving an essential element of the offences, whether charged under section 20 or section 47 of the 1861 Act.

Section 47 provided for liability to imprisonment for five years for conviction on indictment of any assault occasioning actual bodily harm. Such harm was defined in R v Miller (1954) 2 QB 282. 292) as any hurt or injury calculated to interfere with health or

ever shall unlawfully and maliciously by any means whatsoever wound or inflict any grievous bodily harm upon any other person, either with or without any weapon or instrument shall be liable . . . to imprisonment . . . for not more than five years."

By their pleas to various counts, therefore, Laskey, Jaggard and Lucas, so far as the section 20 allegations were concern admitted that they had wounded the victim and, so far as section 47 was concerned, all the appellants admitted to having caused hurt or injury calculated to interfere with the health or comfort of the other

Generally speaking for the prosecution to bring home a charge of assault, they had to prove that the victim did not consent to the defendant's actions, an assault being any unlawful touching of another without that other's consent.

In certain circumstances the law did not permit a defendant to rely, so to speak, on the victim's consent. Consent to being killed

would provide no excuse for the killer. Where the assault involved permanent injury or maining, for example, severing of a limb, here was no dispute that the victim's

consent was immaterial.
It was contended that the same It was contended that the same considerations did not apply where there was no permanent injury, even though the assault might have amounted to grievous bodily harm or wounding.

His Lordship reviewed the classic authority R v Coney (1882) & QBD 534), the prize light case, R v Donovan (1934) 2 KB 498), in which the reasoning of the court seemed to have been tautologous, as was pointed out in Attorney

seemed to have been tautologous, as was pointed out in Attorney General's Reference (No 6 of 1980) (1981) QB 715), referred to Kenny's Outlines of Criminal Law (19th edition (1966) p209) and Archbold. Criminal Pleading, Evidence and Practice (43rd edition [1988) paragraph 201124

20/1241 That brought their Lordships to the Reference, where two youths met in a public street and decided met in a public street and decided to light each other, as a result one sustained a bleeding nose and bruising to his face. The other was charged with assault occasioning actual bodily harm and was acquitted by the jury.

The question posed by the Attorney General to the court was "Whether, where two persons light totherwise than in the course

fight (otherwise than in the course of sport) in a public place, can it of sport) in a public place, can it be a defence for one of those persons to a charge of assault arising out of the light that the other consented to light?

The court's answer was that it was not in the public interest that people should try to cause or should cause each other actual bodily harm for no good reason. Minor struggles were another matter. So, it was immaterial whether the act occurred in private or in public. It was an assault if actual bodily harm was intended and/or caused. That meant that most fights would be

unlawful regardless of consent. What might be good reason was unnecessary for their Lordships to decide. It was sufficient to say, so far as the instant case was concerned, that they agreed with the trial judge that the satisfying of sado-masochistic libido did not come within the category of good reason nor could the injuries be described as merely transient or

trifling.
In their Lordships' judgment. the principle as expressed in the Reference did apply to the instant

Consequently, for those reasons the question of consent was im-material. The judge's ruling was

Any attempt to distinguish be-

tween offences coming within section 18 of the 1861 Act and those coming within section 20 or 47 would, it seemed, be almost impossible to draw. Many of the section 47 charges could equally 20 and the only distinction

Consent no defence to sado-masochistic assault between section 20 and section 18 was the intent of the defendant and not the degree of violence.

> appeals against conviction were dismissed. As to sentences: their Lordships the court was to mark its dis-

approval of those activities by imposing short terms of immedi-

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upon them therefore should be comparatively lenient In future, however, that areu-

ment would not be open to a defendant in circumstances such

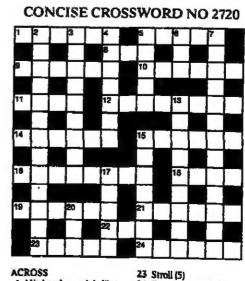
prepared to accept that the appel-lants did not appreciate that their actions in inflicting injuries were

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent This position is from the game Gusev — Gaffni, Moscow 1991. With both sides attacking the opposite king, the initiative is all important. Here it is white's move and he made the most of this. Can you

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Ablaze with colour

ARCHITECTURE

Marcus Binney talks to the architects of a

French fire station that proves

modernist architecture need not be drab

s this a building, a painting or a piece of sculpture, you ask, as you turn the corner to see the astonishingly colourful new fire station in the sedate Parisian suburb of Choisy-le-Roi. The white tower, flecked with a random pattern of red and blue shapes is like a painting by Jean Miro, or an immensely smart Chanel scarf.

"It's a homage to the dangerous work the sapeurs-pompiers do" explains Daniel Auger of the architects. Studio Daviel. "It's intended to suggest an explosion.

a catastrophe, an earthquake." Look closely and the coloured patches at the top are smaller, like scaffolding poles and other debris flying through the air. Below, the splashes of colour increase in size until they become a solid mass of boulders like a landslide.

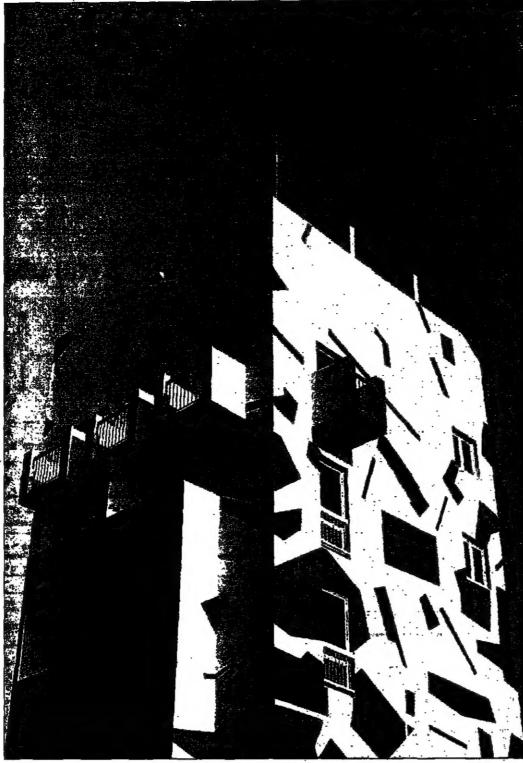
The sculptural element comes from the simple, powerfully expressed volumes, all smooth cubes and rectangles without an overhanging sill or eave to be seen. The tower is set diagonally to provide a forceful counterpoint.

The lower buildings contain the garages for the fire engines, the offices, and the lodgings for the firemen. These are entirely clad in tiles, laid in a grid as strict as a canvas by Mondrian.

Once again the architects have used the red and blue livery of the Paris fire brigade. But the colour is bright enough to make your eyes jump, with two clashing reds set against an inky blue and a pale grey. Individual features such as windows are picked out with a band of tiles in contrasting colours.

Jean Luc Le Petit, the architect in charge of the project explains: "It's intended to be a landmark to the town, signalling to all the reassuring presence of the firemen.

Internally, the tower is equipped to simulate every hazard the firemen will meet, smoke, fumes, flames. "We could not use tiles on the tower. They would have flaked



Bright enough to make your eyes jump: the new fire station at Choisy-le-Roi

off in the intense heat. By contrast the painted walls can be retouched at will," says Le Petit. So far not a

single singe mark is to be seen. The Choisy-le-Roi fire station suggests a brilliant means of smartening up an endless series of drab and dingy modern buildings. Almost every town will have its own candidate for treatment: a school, perhaps, a shopping pre-cinct, a block of offices or a hotel. Glazed tiles acquired a bad name because they were so often used in dingy stairwells and never seemed clean. In most people's minds they are associated with the most utilitarian kind of public loo. But now a much wider range of colours is available, suitable for

outdoor use. It is often forgotten that many early modern move-ment buildings were painted to give them a freshness stained concrete can never have. With modern paints and sprays, a wall can be transformed in hours. Studio Daviel has shown the way to give every town a new

Music of the spheres?

heard this song? They bring me their songs because they know I will sing them without alterations, just with a bagpiper."
By tradition which reflects an

recalls. "My mother and grandmother sang, my father played the bag-pipes. My mother would sing one song as we threaded tobacco leaves, another while we threshed

leaves, another while we threshed maize or learned how to spin. Wherever people got together, they would sing and I remembered every single song."

The space odyssey of Valya Balkanska was the biggest surprise of her life. She had no idea that one of her songs had been selected to present the sounds of the Earth, along with music by

When the Cosmos series, by the

Later she found that American folk singers had attended some of the Bulgarian folk festivals, where they had made recordings of her performing her songs. Balkanska believes her "Shepherdess Song" may have been selected because it expresses loneliness at being left behind.

THEODOR TROEV

LONG before western musicians such as George Harrison and Kate Bush discovered Balkan folk music, one Bulgarian folk song had already reached a different

sort of star. Presented as "Shepherdess Song", it was included in the inds and images from the earth" message to other civilisations, recorded on golden discs which were sent into space with the Voyager spacecraft launched from Cape Canaveral in the 1970s.

The performer of the song, Valya Balkanska, a renowned folk singer from the Rhodobe mountains in southern Bulgaria, is currently working on a new record entitled Alone into the stars. As well as "Shepherdess Song",

Balkanska, known in her own country as "Delyn, the rebel", has included 15 folk songs from the Rhodobe region. All of them are authentic, just as she learnt them from old people in the mountains. Balkanska says: "People often come up to me and ask 'Have you

rient belief, the people of the Rhodobe consider their mountains to be the birthplace of Orpheus. "My childhood there was like a song itself," Balkanska

the Earth, along with music by composers such as Bach.

when the Cosmos series, by the renowned American astronomer Carl Sagan, was first shown on television, friends of hers were astonished to hear her singing as a musical background to Sagan's commentary on the mission of the Voyager spacecraft.

Richard Mayne finds a new generation of Italian film-makers bent on having fun

Playful sons of **Mamma Roma**

is conquering Italian mov-ies. While the old guard soldiers on and the middle-aged infantry still marches, the new elite corps has all the dash and bravura

of sophisticated youth.

At first sight, 1992 looks like a vintage year for veterans. The doyen of them all, 77 in May, is Mario Monicelli - still best remembered for I Soliti Ignoti (Persons Unknown, 1958), in which Vittorio Gassman led a clownish band of burglars on a farcical jewel heist that yielded only peas and pasta. Although honoured at Venice last September with a Golden Lion for his lifetime's achievement, Monicelli still has two new films on the stocks. His near-contemporary Dino Risi, 75, has one; and so have Federico Fellini, 72, and Francesco Rosi, 69. In the next, intermediate generation of directors over 50, new films are also due from Pupi Avati, Marco Bellocchio, Liliana Cavani, Ermanno Olmi, and the Taviani brothers, Paolo and Vittorio.

Scanning that roster, fans of Italian films might be forgiven a stifled yawn. Monicelli's new offerings, Parenti e Serpenti (Parents and Serpents) and Viva i Bambini Long Live the Children), may have obvious youth appeal: but will Dino Risi's La Sposa di Cristo (The Bride of Christ)? Has Fellini anything new to tell us about Il Mestiere dell'attore (The Actor's Profession)? And, however tough and workmanlike, what will Rosi make of his screen adaptation of a novel, Primo Levi's La Tregua

(The Truce)? The recent record of Italy's middle-aged directors, moreover, has been poor. Pupi Avati's last film, Bix, on Bix Beiderbecke, was neither a successful biography nor a satisfying jazz film. Marco Bellocchio's La Condanna (The Conviction), although visually dazzling, failed to deal adequately with its highly topical theme of whether a rape had been committed. Liliana Cavani's Francesco, meanwhile, was frankly embarrassing - in part because it cast Mickey Rourke as a cute, winsome, cajoling St Francis of Assisi. Her new film. Dove siete? Io sono qui (Where are you? I'm here) at least has the more modest subject

of two deaf lovers. Ermanno Olmi is another director whose later work has been

disappointing. Hailed 30 years ago as an heir to postwar neo-realism with small, intent films like Il Posto (The Job) or I Fidanzati (The Flances), he seems to have turned - after a severe iliness — to baroque or abstruse preoccupations. In Lunga Vita alla Signora (Long Live the Lady). about a stately, plutocratic matriarch, or in the quasi-mystical La Leggenda del Santo Bevitore (The Legend of the Holy Drinker), he virtually abandoned the close, naturalistic observation that had once been his strength. His next film, indeed, will be a fairy-tale — Il Segreto del Bosco Vecchio (The Secret of the Ancient Wood).

Finally, the Taviani brothers, whose new project is simply and hopefully entitled Oro (Gold). seemed equally astray when they forsook contemporary reality for costume drama in It Sole anche di Notte (Night Sun), with the British actor Julian Sands, dubbed, manfully impersonating Leo Tolstoy's Father Sergey, on whose story the film was based

Altogether, in fact, a certain wayward opulence seems to have been blurring the sharp gaze that some Italian directors used to focus on the world around them. But all is not lost. A bright new generation of film-makers is emerging in Italy. Their eyes are keen, their heads cool, their voices clear and curt.

any of them are the street-smart products of the film schools. Most are in their thirties - young enough to have studied, re-assessed, outgrown and yet absorbed the lessons of the neo-realist past. At least two are the children of film professionals. Several are close friends and have appeared in each other's pictures. Italian critics have labelled them the New Italian Cinema movement. I asked one of them: is it really a cohesive

"It's not close-knit or united, a coterie of intellectuals meeting in cafés to discuss cinematic art. But there is certainly a New Italian Cinema - a new generation of young directors making films. Whether it's a 'Renaissance' you'll have to judge for yourself."

The speaker was the youngest of the movement's members, Daniele Luchetti, 32 this year. Unassuming, compact, and cheerful, with dark hair, metal-framed



Comedy of corruption: Silvio Orlando (left) as the speechwriter in Il Portaborse, with Giulio Brogi

spectacles, and a ready smile. he was in Rimini, rehearsing a stage comedy about teachers. Sotto banco (Sub rosa or perhaps Under the counter), which he plans to take on tour. But this spring he will be making another movie. Although so far it lacks a title. Luchetti sees it as a social comedy mocking Italian justice. Its setting is near Vesuvius. The explosive

location seems apt. Last year, already, Luchetti caused a political eruption - and scored a smash hit in France and Italy — with another satirical comedy, Il Portaborse (to be called The Footman but literally The Briefcase Carrier). It was only his third full-length film.

The briefcase carrier of the title (played by Silvio Orlando) is a outhern Italian schoolmaster. first seen in his crumbling family house trying to make ends meet by ghostwriting for a novelist ruined by drink. News of his skill spreads to Rome, and he is hired to concoct speeches for a Minister in a "progressive" Government, Awed and flattered, he soon finds that the corridors of power are also the purlieus of corruption. No wonder the Socialist party protested. No wonder State television refused finance. No wonder the public

flocked to the film. It made seven billion lire in Italy alone. Yet its implied moral was more subversive still. Although the Minister in the film bribes a computer

expert to rig the ballot, no such fraud is needed. The public is so gullible that it gives him a land-With Nanni Moretti playing the Minister, this was natural enough.

Tall, thin, bearded and sweetly handsome, with only wary eyes to betray him, he looked plausible enough to fool even himself. Three years ago. Moretti, who is a producer and director within the New

Italian Cinema group as well as an actor, also raised political hackles with Palombella Rossa (Red-Woodpigeon), depicting the de-cline of the Communist Parry in terms of water-polo. Such playfulness is characteristic. Who, I asked Daniele Luchetti, were the older directors he most

revered? "Obviously Fellini. Obviously Vintorio De Sica: it's his humanity I admire. Roberto Rossellini tried to capture reality directly; but De Sica and his script-writer Cesare Zavattini filtered it through their own sensibility. I prefer their magic neorealism, which leaves room for famasy." In Il Portuborse, one surrealist scene unearths 500 years of dubious ballot papers. The moment is worthy of De Sica's. Miracle in Milan. Not all the group's films, of

course, are flippant. Marco Risi's Muro di Gomma (Wall of Silence) made lethal fun of Italian military higwigs, but its grim subject was the apparent cover-up of the 1980 Ustica airliner crash. And Ricky Tognazzi's Ultrà (Ultras), although exuberant, was a horrifying study of football hooligans.

Broadly, however, the new mood is at most sardonic and at its lightest rueful and amused. Take Sergio Rubini's wistful triangle drama, La Stazione (The Station). Take two films by Francesca Archibugi: Mignon è partita (Mignon has left), about adolescence, and Verso Sera (Nightfall), with Marcello Mastroianni both lamenting and accepting old age: Above all, look out for Giuseppe Piccioni's Chedi la Luna (Ask for the Moon), an enchanting "road"

All these directors, as well as Moretti. have new films in the pipeline. At this rate, 1992 will be a virtuge year for Italian vitality as well as for veterans and VIPs.

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